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MASONIC COVERS ON APPROVAL

Your editor is pleased to advise that he is able to offer to our members Masonic covers for sale on an approval basis. There is a variety of covers. Some modern, some early 20th century and some 19th century including corner cards of lodges, chapters, commanderies, O.E.S., etc. Most of the covers are only one of a kind. Therefore, it is offered only to our members on an approval basis. You select only what you want and you return the remainder.

This approval system will be handled on the first come basis. As names are received they will be placed on the list and will be the next to receive the covers on approval. In order to have your name as close to the top of the list as possible you must act immediately. Just send a note with your name and address and ask for the Masonic approvals. You must agree, however, to make your returns within seven days so that same can be passed on to the next member on the list. Also the covers returned must be adequately insured. There are many Masonic items of interest that will enhance a Masonic collection.

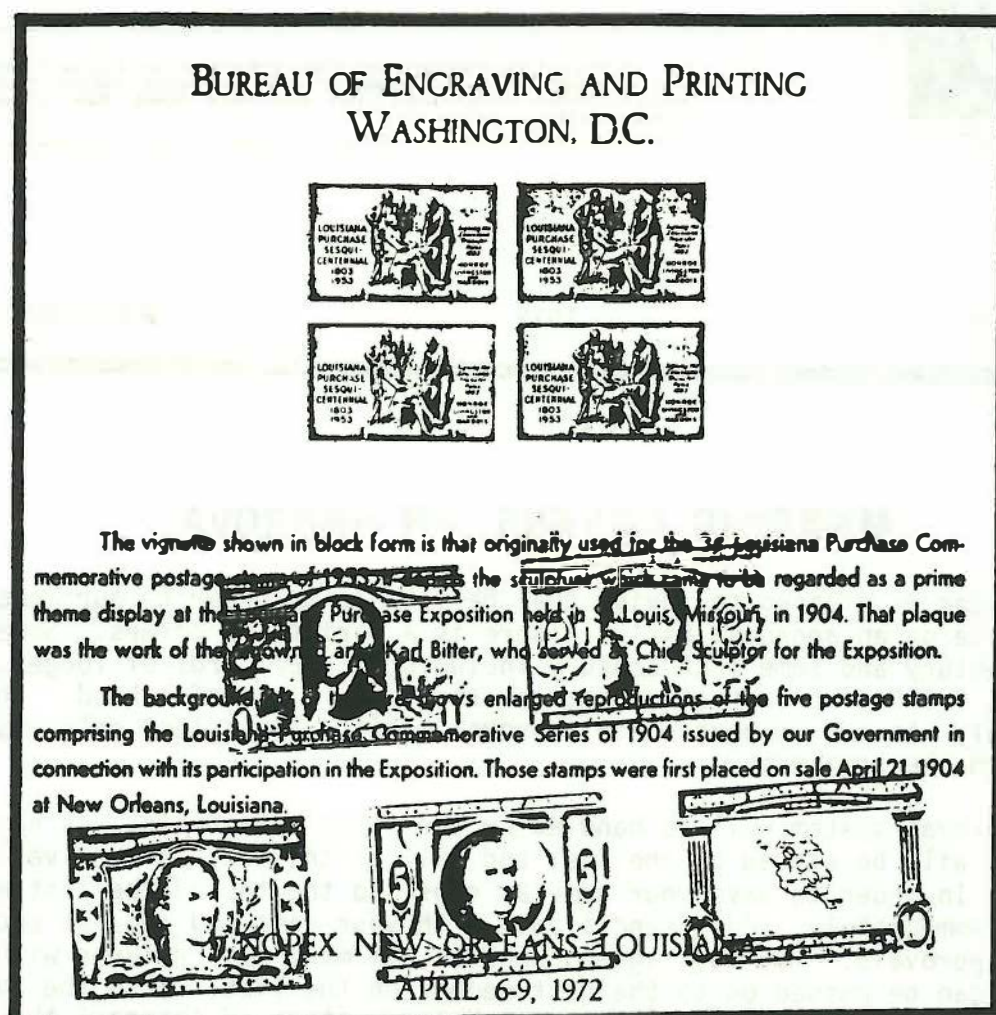
Mt. McKinley



This is the 15¢ Mt. McKinley National Park stamp design to be issued July 28, features the huge mass of the 20,320 foot mountain, highest on the North American continent looming above the snowy crest of the Alaska Range.

First-day ceremonies are to be held at the park, a 3,000 square-mile expanse of alpine tundra and spruce forest on the Alaska Railroad and Denali Highway south of Fairbanks.

New Orleans Souvenir Card



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, released the above card in connection with the NOPEX '72 stamp show in New Orleans, April 6-9, 1972. This card reproduces a block of four of the Louisiana Purchase Sesquicentennial stamp of 1953, from the original die but with country designation, postage inscription and denomination removed and it includes in an offset background enlarged reproduction of the five stamps in the Louisiana Purchase commemorative series of 1904.

The supply was limited to 5 per customer only and it was difficult to obtain too many of them. However, we were able to get a small supply of these cards and affixed the 1953 stamps, Scott No. 1020, and had them cancelled on April 6, 1972 with NOPEX cancellation, the first day of issue of the card. This is another interesting Masonic item, as both Livingston and Monroe as well as McKinley were all Freemasons.

While the supply lasts these cards are offered for sale to our members on the first come first served basis. These cards are cancelled with No. 1020 first day of issue at NOPEX. The price for each card, including handling and postage, \$4.00.

Mazzini



XII Marzo 1972
Installazione delle R.: Logge
"ALFREDO CRÉMIEUX", n. 671
Or.: Sanremo

"LUIGI PIRANDELLO", n. 672
Or.: Imperia



**100° Anniversario
della morte di
Giuseppe Mazzini**

F.D.C. - Roma

Celebrazioni Massoniche
X - XI - XII Marzo
Genova - Savona - Sanremo

There has been a considerable controversy concerning the Masonic connection of Giuseppe Mazzini, an Italian patriot. (See the Masonic Stamp Collector, whole No. 11, page 91.) In March of this year Italy issued the above L.25 stamp to commemorate the centennial of his death. The Masonic Stamp Club at Sanremo, Italy issued the above Masonic First day cover.

Bro. Bruno Guglielmi of Sanremo, Italy and a member of the MSU writes as follows regarding Mazzini's Masonic affiliation:

"About Mazzini we have in the past many controversies about his membership in the Fraternity. Mazzini in his memoirs states that when he was prisoner in the Fortress of Savona (not far from Sanremo) he was made Mason and he received high degrees "sulla Spada" (I think that you say "made a Mason 'at sight'"). He was born in Genova (also not far from Sanremo) but he died in Pisa under the name of "Mr. George Brown". He was a member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Palermo, Sicily. The celebration of the centennial of his death took three days: the X March in Genoa, the XI March in Savona, the XII in Sanremo my own town. In Sanremo our Grand Master, Dott. Lino Salvini, consecrated two new Lodges: Lodge "Alfredo Cremieux No. 671" Sanremo and Lodge "Luigi Pirandello No. 672" Imperia. The Brethren of these two lodges sponsored a commemorative cover using the F.D. stamps of G. Mazzini."

In June 1949 the Italian government invited the members of the Grand Orient of Italy to participate in the parade and dedication of a statue to Mazzini in Rome. Three thousand Italian Masons were present. The belated statue was first designed by Ettore Ferrari, former grand master of Italy, but the Musolini period intervened, and the statue was not erected until long after Ferrari's death.

La Guardia



A 14-cent postage stamp honoring Fiorello H. LaGuardia will be issued April 24, 1972, in New York.

LaGuardia, who had a long and varied career in public service, is best remembered as a three-term mayor of New York. He died in 1947.

New Yorkers called him, with affection "The Little Flower," a literal translation of his Italian-derived first name. He was colorful. He was flamboyant. LaGuardia liked to chase fire engines. When a strike closed the city's newspapers, he went on radio to read the comic strips. He was also a hard worker and able administrator who left his mark on the city. LaGuardia reorganized the machinery for municipal government, balanced the budget, involved himself with slum clearance, beautification, construction of parkways and bridges and the airport that later was to bear his name. As mayor of New York he rejected partisan politics, appointing to administrative offices persons of every shade of political adherence.

b. Dec. 11, 1882 in New York City. Graduate of New York University in 1910. He was the American consulate in Budapest, Hungary and Trieste, Austria, 1901-04, and at Fiume, Hungary, 1904-06. From 1907-10 he was an interpreter at Ellis Island, N.Y. He began law practice in 1910 in New York City. A member of the 65th and 66th U.S. Congress (1917-19) and 68-72nd congresses (1923-33). LaGuardia served three terms as mayor of New York City, from 1934-1945. In 1946 he was special U.S. ambassador to Brazil, and director general of the UNRRA the same year. In WWI he was in the U.S. Air Service, achieving the rank of major. He commanded the 8th Centre Aviation School and was attached to night and day bombing squadrons on the Italian front.

LaGuardia was raised in Garibaldi Lodge No. 542, New York City in 1913, and received a life membership in that lodge on October 17, 1933.

A Masonic first day cover will be serviced for the LaGuardia stamp which is that of the prominent American series. A nice addition to a Masonic collection, indeed.

Masonic Symbols

By Edward R. Walsh

The following is a comprehensive check list of stamps with Masonic symbols. This list has been prepared by Bro. Edward R. Walsh, a stamp dealer, in Lexington, Mass. For those of you who are interested in expanding your Masonic collection to other phases of Masonic stamp collecting, this list will help a lot. Bro. Walsh's address is: 28 Maple St., Lexington, Mass. 02173. I don't know but he may be able to fill your want list on stamps with Masonic symbols or Masons. I am sure he will be glad to hear from you. If you know of other stamps with Masonic connections for symbols please let your editor know about them. A further list could be included at a later issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector. We are grateful to Bro. Walsh for this list.

Afghanistan: #522, 526, 531 - Pomegranates
 #643 - Corn
 Albania: #790 - Pomegranates
 #863 - Forget-me-not
 #1236 - Pomegranates
 #1269 - Floor Mosaics
 Algeria: #418, 419 - Columns (2 standing, 2 broken)
 #445 - Sword
 Angola: #332 - Three Burning Tapers
 Argentina: #449 - Grapes (Vineyard)
 Austria: #657 - Ionic Capital
 #864 - Organ
 Australia: #339 - Bible
 Belgium: #731 - Mason
 Bolivia: #C176 - Hand to Back
 Brazil: #778 - Wine
 #881 - Hour Glass
 #893 - Organ
 #902 - Burning Bush
 #716 - Bible
 Bulgaria: #500 - Beehive
 #1414 - Corn
 Canada: #493 - Working Tools
 #016-025 - "G" (overprint)
 China: #1382 - Candle
 Congo: #187, 188 - Oil (Palms)
 Congo Republic: #113 - Corn and Working Tools
 #169 - Square and Compasses
 Cuba: #558, C135 - Masonic Temple, Havana
 Cyprus: #126 - Broken Column
 #144 - Broken Columns
 #247-250 - Wine, Knight Templar, Mosaic
 Czechoslovakia: #1289-1291 - Sun, Moon
 Danzig: #B13, 17-19 - Gates
 Denmark: #467 - Candle
 Dominican Republic: #672, C177 - Masonic Symbols
 Ethiopia: #87-89 - King Solomon's Throne
 #273 - Lion of Judah
 #305 - Statue of Lion of Judah
 #449 - Hand to Hand
 #B21-26 - Staff, Snake
 Fernando Po: #190 - Tri-corn Hat
 Finland: #241 - Altar and Bible
 #264 - Beehive
 #397 - Compasses
 #426 - Staff and Snake
 #477 - Pipe Organ, Composer
 #B65 - Mason
 France: #647 - Anchor
 #832 - Scales, Looking Glass
 #1193 - Scales of Justice
 Gabon: #179 - Sun
 Germany: #896 - Sun
 Ghana: #286 - Corn

Greece: #467-468 - Doric Column
 #535 - Altar and Sword
 #551-552 - Oil, Wine
 #583 - Pythagoras
 #C9 - Broken Columns
 Griqualand West: Stamps of Cape of Good Hope overprinted "G"
 Guyana: #60-63 - Koran
 Honduras: #328 - Masonic Temple, Tegucigalpa
 #C140, Corn
 #C163 - F.D.R. and Broken Column
 #C301 - Constitution
 Hungary: #827-828 - Beehive
 #2008 - St. John the Evangelist
 Iraq: #561 - Pomegranates
 #550-551 - Koran, Mecca
 Israel: #75-77 - Ark
 #162 - Pomegranates
 #292 - Hope
 #298 - "Let There be Light"
 #447-450 - Gates
 Italy: #697 - Compasses
 #878-879 - Roman Column
 Jordan: #580 - Pomegranates
 Korea: #104 - South Gate
 #252 - South Gate
 #400 - "5"
 #470 - "7"
 #523 - Incense Pot
 Kuwait: #431-434 - Koran and Scales
 Lebanon: #50 - Cedar of Lebanon
 #115 - Cedars of Lebanon
 #128 - Tyre Harbor
 #137 - Cedars of Lebanon
 #401 - Pomegranates
 #C317-321 - Beach of Tyre
 Liechtenstein: #166-167 - Corn, Wine
 #263 - St. John the Baptist
 #379 - Column Capitals
 Luxembourg: #B156-157 - Widows and Orphans
 #B180-185 - Incense Pot
 #345 - Wine
 Macao: #373 - Forget-me-not
 #RA4 - Charity
 Malta: #365 - Bible
 #410 - St. John the Baptist
 Mauritania: #183 - Acacia
 #C63 - Eye
 #C86 - Moon
 Mexico: #806 - Blindfold
 #924 - Plumb Line
 #C126 - Corn
 Mozambique: #111 - Corn
 #RA48 - Charity

Netherlands: #367 - Sword
 #8473 - John the Baptist
 #J48, 51, 53, 81, 83, 85 (#3, 5, 7)
 Neth. Antilles: #306 - Geometry
 Nicaragua: #? - 30¢ Pythagoras, May 1971
 Niger: #218 - Mouth to Ear
 #C73 - Eye (visual)
 #C120 - Compasses
 Nigeria: #132 - Compasses and Square
 #228-229 - "5"
 Norfolk Island: #43 - Bible
 #115 - Prayer
 Norway: #422, 444, 446, 448 - Rope
 #451 - Beehive
 Pakistan: #56 - Hour Glass
 Persia: #84 - Tomb of Cyrus King of Persia
 Philippines: #903-905 - Bamboo Organ
 Poland: #833 - Kneeling on Left Knee
 Portugal: #1028-1030 - Wine
 Romania: #677 - Beehive
 #1269-1271 - Corn
 #1372 - Ionic Column
 Russia: #2913 - Corn
 Ryukyu Islands: #92 - Sun
 #104 - Man with Sword (Tyler?)
 Saar: #836 - Widow and Orphans
 San Marino: #417, 425 - Corn
 Saudi Arabia: #252-254 - Koran
 Siam: #580 - Corn
 Somalia: #234-235 - Incense
 #259, - Incense Jug
 #C63-64 - Incense Jug
 Spain: #726 - Incense Burner
 #1364 - Anchor
 Spanish Morocco: #99, 146, 207 - Gates
 #203 - Sentry (Tyler)
 Surinam: #293 - Concordia Lodge
 #8165 - Sun
 Sweden: #610-612 - Gavel, Codex
 #626-628 - Compasses
 Switzerland: #280 - Plumb Line, Masons
 #365 - Corinthian Capital
 #409 - St. John The Evangelist
 #484 - Hour Glass and Sun
 #494 - Anchor
 #8141-142 - Faith, Hope, Love, Anchor
 Syria: #C162-163 - Constitution. #C230 - Sword
 Tunisia: #501 - Pomegranates
 Turks & Caicos Is.: #196 - John the Baptist
 Uganda: #124 - Acacia
 U.A.R.: #188 - Moon, Arch. #B1 - Eye
 #C28-29 - Koran. #C32 - Compasses
 Upper Volta: #C40 - Organ
 Vatican: #345-347 - Faith, Hope, Charity
 Viet Nam: #82 - Swords

Anti-Masonry

In Serbia in 1942, the German Nazi Government issued this series of stamps. The first of which shows Masonry, allegorically clad as a hooded figure wearing an apron with a Star of David upon its bosom. This hooded figure is shown cringing from a strong ray of light which emanates from a circular cabalistic design apparently representing the forces of anti-Masonry. Nowhere in Masonry does a hooded figure appear. Also, any Mason could readily see the fallacy of "cringing from light"-- did not we beg to see light at one time or another? Then too, the attempt to link Jewry with Freemasonry is so evident by the Star of David on the figures bosom, although the Star of David does play a part in the long list of signs and symbols of the Order. Yes, this stamp would only bring a smile to the lips of one who stood in the northeast corner and been properly invested and informed.

The second stamp (1d+1d) of the series shows a hand emanating from a silvery light, as in the first stamp, and grasping the neck of a huge viper whose head rests on a square and compasses. This viper or snake is clothed in a number of Stars of David rather than the scale of nature. The design is misleading to the uninitiated in that it too, like the hooded figure, is not used or seen among the symbols of Masonry. Biblically, the snake represents the forces of evil, the attempt here is to show that the forces of evil (Jew and Mason) are being stopped by the hand of Nazism.

The third stamp (2d+2d) shows a sheaf of wheat superimposed on a cross which has a point-like lower leg. This point is shown splitting a large star upon which rests a hammer and sickle. Members of the craft will note that the cross and the sheaf of wheat are both symbols of Freemasonry and that if the intention



Serbia Nos. 2NB25-18

To Commemorate the Anti-Masonic Exposition of October 22, 1941. The surtax was used for anti-Masonic propaganda.

is to show the possible destruction of Communism as indicated by the hammer and sickle--Freemasonry is in there pitching. However, because of the nature of this issue, it is evident that the series is intended to be anti-Masonic. This, all tied together, attempts to show that the Jew, the Mason, and the Communist are alike in spirit and ideal if not one and the same.

The last stamp of the series (4d+4d) shows a Star of David upon the curved surgence of the earth between the pillars which are being rent as under by a zealous modern Serbian Sampson. These pillars presumably refer to the two pillars of the temple of Solomon, but in no way resemble either the Biblical or the Masonic Descriptions of these structures. They are rather like two plain posts, not pillars. On each is superimposed a large letter, on one of the letters B and on the other the letter "J". If, by chance, these letters are representative of the initials of the names given the pillars, of the temple of Solomon as described in the Holy Bible, the first book of Kings, Chapter seven verse 21, they are decidedly backward or reversed.

not in Masonic practice

This series of stamps, although anti-Masonic by inscription is actually anti-Semitic as is shown by the inference of the Star of David on every stamp. First, cringing and fearful, second being represented by a snake and being choked, third, stabbed by the cross, and fourth, trampled by an invader and temple destroyed.

-Clarence Beltmann

In The Beginning

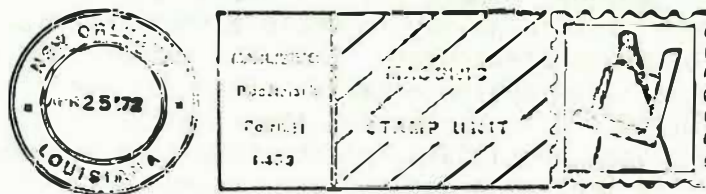
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God Said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

Light in Freemasonry is an important word. It conveys a far more meaning that is generally believed. It is in fact the first of all the symbols that is presented to the neophyte in the various stages throughout his future progress in his Masonic career. Light is the very essence of Speculative Masonry and embraces within its signification all the other symbols of the order. Freemasons are called the 'Sons of Light', because they are, or at least are entitled to be, in possession of the true meaning of the symbol; while the uninitiated who have not received this knowledge are said to be, by expression, in darkness. In all the ancient systems, this reverence for light, as an emblematic representation of the eternal principle of good, is predominant. In the mysteries the candidate passed through scenes of complete darkness, and at length terminated his trials by an admission to the Holy of Holies, where he was said to have attained pure and perfect light, and where he received the necessary instruction which were to invest him with that knowledge of the Divine Truth which had been the object of his labors.

Light can be illustrated by the Rotary International Stamp of 1955 (U.S.1066) This stamp has for its central subject a globe. To the left of the globe is a flaming torch held aloft by a hand and arm, carrying enlightenment to all parts of the world. The International Geophysical year stamp of 1958 can also be used. This is an excellent stamp to illustrate 'Light' as the design of the stamp is based on a photograph of the sun and depicts an area of intense solar activity. Superimposed above the solar disc is a segment of Michaelangelo's famous fresco "The Creation of Adam." The designer of this stamp explained that "In the small confines of a postage stamp we have endeavored to picture a man's wonder at the unknown together with his determination to understand it and his need for spiritual inspiration to further his knowledge.

MAILER'S PERMIT

The Masonic stamp Unit has received a mailer's postmark permit from the USPS and the following cancelling device has been designed to be used on its mail as desired. A cachet cover has been issued with the first day of usage which was April 25, 1972. If you are not a member of the Masonic Cover Club you may order this cover at .35 each plus a large self-addressed stamped envelope.



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