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WHOLE NO. 43

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to another issue of The Philatelic Freemason. I am starting to get "on time" and perhaps the Nov.-Dec. issue will be sent out at the beginning of Nov. instead of the middle of the month. Preparation of this newsletter has proven to be no small task but the information is starting to flow in - I appreciate all the inputs as it makes the job easier and it also ensures that the newsletter includes what you want. As you can see on the following pages, 12 of the 19 "articles" or "items" were contributed by members and were not by-lined "from the Editor's files". Keep the information coming - it will be used sooner or later.

R.W. John Provan, Past Grand Master of the American Canadian Grand Lodge in Germany, took the recent comment of "Your help is imperative" very seriously. He sent photo copies of most of his Masonic collection. The many pages of excellent layout and write up show a commendable job with which one should be quite proud. I will show some examples of these pages in future newsletters. In the meantime, he is searching for information on famous Black Masons pictured on stamps to complete that section of his collection. He can best be reached at P.O. Box 1529, APO New York, N.Y., 09057.

One of my goals for future issues is to publish bio-sketches of the Club officers. Pres. Tom Gardner's appeared in one of Bro. Kirby's last newsletters. As soon as I receive and compile the others, you will be seeing them. I would also like to be able to publish information on all the Club members - either through voluntary bio-sketches or polls showing cross sectional interests. Anyone have any good ideas on how to develop the latter approach? I have a draft of a questionnaire which might be used.

Happy reading, fruitful collecting and keep those letters coming.

MASONIC U.S. PRESIDENTS

In response to a request from Wor. Bro. John C. Sander, Member No. 407, I am listing below those U.S. Presidents who are known, or believed to have been, Freemasons. Any comments, amplifications or rebuttals regarding this listing are encouraged.

George Washington
Thomas Jefferson (?)
James Madison (?)
James Monroe
Andrew Jackson
James K. Polk

James Buchanan
Andrew Johnson
Ulysses S. Grant*
James A. Garfield
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt

William H. Taft
Warren G. Harding
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Harry S Truman
Lyndon B. Johnson**
Gerald R. Ford

*Elected but never initiated **First Degree only

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

426 Tom Alspach, 850 West 6th Street, Yuma, Ariz. 85364
427 Royce L. Beale, 6 Linacre Crescent, Tullamarine (3043), Victoria, Australia
428 Andre Demets; 5120 Earnscliffe, 1803; Montreal, Quebec H3X 2P6 Canada

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

79 Norris C. Berg, Box 63, Lake Park, Minn. 56554
177 W. P. Cook, Jr., 2651 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah 84401
344 James F. Beeman, RFD#1, Box #736, Lakeview, Ark. 72642

Our newest member, Bro. Andre Demets, No. 428, expresses great interest in the group and its newsletter and asks if there are any members of the Unit who would like to exchange or sell Masonic philatelic material. If you are so inclined, please contact him at the address cited above.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues with Masonic significance have been identified as issued or forthcoming:

- ✓ March 28, 1984 - Uruguay - 4.50 pesos stamp picturing Simon Bolivar on horseback.
- April 26, 1984 - Mauritania - A five value set for great events includes a 10 oug self portrait of A. Durer and his "Virgin and Child".
- ✓ July 1984 - Antigua & Barbuda - An eight value set for U.S. Presidents includes two, the 20¢ and the \$1.10, which picture M.W. Harry S Truman.
- ✓ Sept. 6, 1984 - Denmark - A semipostal issue, 2.70K + 40K value, for the Hjerteforeningen organization (health preservation group) pictures a heart. (Masonic symbol).
- ✓ Sept. 12, 1984 - Finland - A 1.10 Mk Astronomy issue shows a silhouette of an observatory, the sun and planets in the solar system. (more Masonic symbols)
- Sept. 21, 1984 - Jersey - A six value Artists set for the links with Australia includes a 31p value which pictures "Capt. Cook at Botany Bay" by John A. Gilfillan.

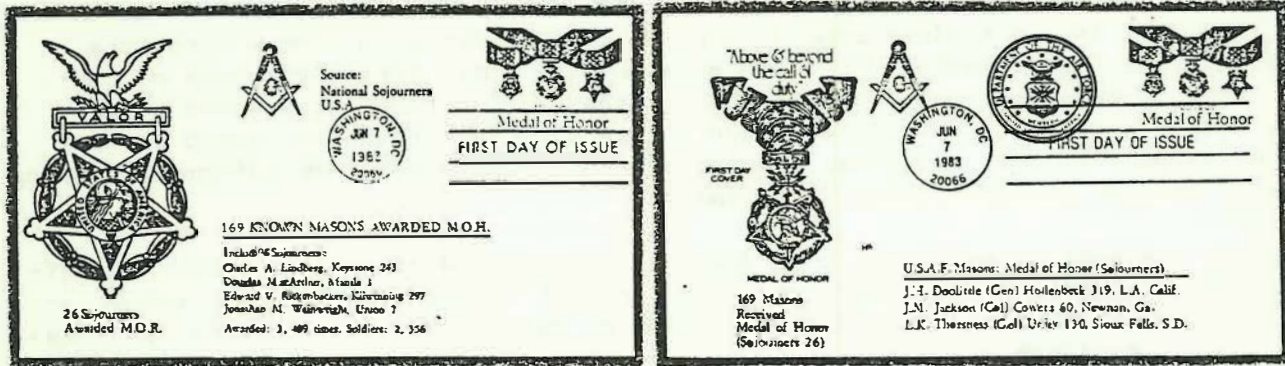
The U.S. release for Auguste Bartholdi planned for the second half of 1984 has been delayed until 1985.

A special cancel has been authorized for use on Sept. 29, 1984, at Prince Hall Station, Boston, Ma. 02121. This cancel pictures the Seal of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Mass. Orders for these cancellations should be addressed to the postmaster, Boston, Ma. 02121-9998 and the identification and date of the cancellation should be clearly marked on the outer envelope. P.S.- don't forget to apply postage to the envelope being cancelled, they won't. All requests must be received there before Sept. 29.

-thanks to John M. Cunningham for this advance info.

MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS WHO ARE/WERE MASONS

Bro. John M. Cunningham has provided two First Day Covers which were prepared for last year's Medal of Honor issue of June 7. The accompanying research cites the name, rank, Lodge, birth/death dates and resting places of the 169 Masons and Sojourners who received this distinguished honor. If anyone would like a copy of this 23 page listing, I would be happy to provide it in return for a 37¢ SASE.



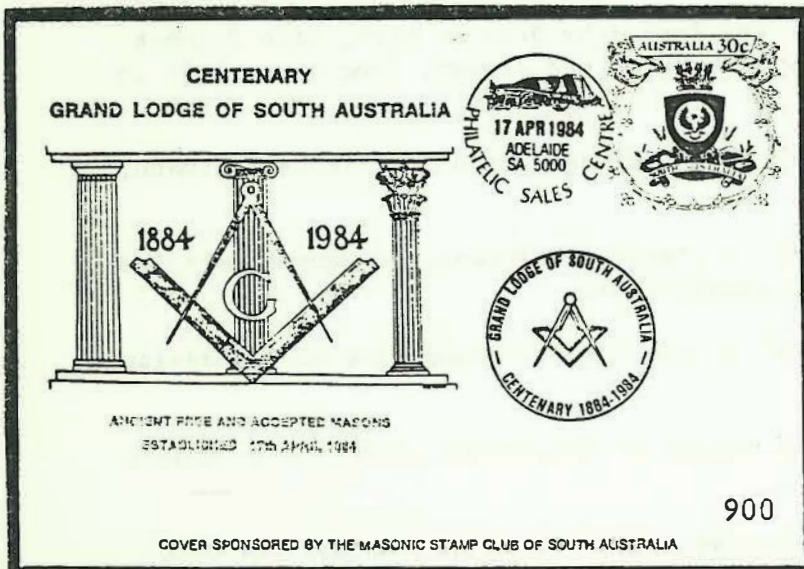
MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a Masonic Stamp Club has been formed in South Australia under the leadership of Bro. Sidney W. Martin, Member No. 60 of the MSU of ATA. Membership in the Club is open to all Masons in good standing in any Constitution and costs Australian \$12.00 per year for overseas members. (An Australian \$ is equivalent to approximately 76¢ U.S.) The Club bulletin is published four times a year - the July 1984 release was Bulletin No. 3. This Club also issued a cover commemorating the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Australia, a reduced copy is shown below. If there are any left, they sell for Australian \$1.20 plus postage. Anyone wishing to join this group should contact Bro. Martin Directly:

Sidney W. Martin
4 Barrow Crescent
Lockleys 5032
South Australia

The information requested on the application form is:

Name, Address
Lodge affiliation, Location
Rank in Craft Masonry
Stamp activities, interests, other stamp clubs



MASONIC PHILATELY REFERENCES

Several inquiries from the members have been in search of reference books on Masonic Philately. To be honest, there are not too many available and most of the published data have been the result of individual research that has been documented in the newsletters and magazines of the various Masonic Philatelic Units or Clubs. Clarence Beltmann published two handbooks on this topic for the ATA, Wor. Samuel Brooks of the MSC of NY published a booklet privately, George B. Clark published at least two booklets for the Masonic Service Association and Gregory R. Lucy issued two Masonic Stamp Albums. I issued a mimeographed compendium of information from all sources available to me in the early 1960's and have had an almost impossible task of trying to keep my own copy updated since then. Perhaps it is time for someone to prepare a modern compendium of all published information (but then that would detract from the purpose of this and other newsletters as the amount of new information being uncovered through research today is minimal).

Of course, any book or publication on Masonry or Masonic History is a potential reference for our hobby. An excellent reference in this category is the four volume set "10,000 Famous Freemasons" compiled by William R. Denslow and sponsored by the Missouri Lodge of Research in 1957.

I am listing below the various Masonic Philately reference works of which I am aware, in their chronological order. I do happen to own all of these and if a member wanted a Xerox copy of any, perhaps we could come to terms on some type of arrangement. I would also like to hear of any others which exist that are not listed.

1. "The Masonic Philatelist", Publication of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, various editors, formerly monthly, now quarterly - 1984 being its 40th Volume or year of publication.
2. "Masonic Philately" by Sam Brooks, 1948 (64 pages).
3. "A Masonic Stamp Collection", by George B. Clark for the Masonic Service Association, June 1848 (52 pages).
4. "Masonry on Postage Stamps", Newsletters issued by John A. Mirt, Five Volumes, twelve issues each volume except the last which had eleven, from Sept. 1951 to Oct. 1956 (236 pages).
5. ATA Topical Handbook No. 29, "Masonic Stamps of the World", Clarence Beltmann, 1960 (36 pages).
6. Masonic Stamp Unit Newsletter, Edited by Clarence Beltmann, 61 Newsletters from Aug. 1960 to Aug. 1965 (4 pages each newsletter).
7. "An Introduction to Masonic Philately" by the Masonic Stamp Club of Philadelphia, 1960's (15 pages).
- ✓ 8. ATA Topical Handbook No. 43, "Masonic Stamps of the World", Clarence Beltmann, 1964 (87 pages).
9. "An Album for Stamps that Honor Freemasons of Many Nations", Gregory R. Lucy, 1964 (173 pages).
10. "Freemasonry in the Making of a Nation", Gregory R. Lucy, 1964.
11. "Freemasonry in Philately", compiled by Robert A. Domingue, 1966 (127 pages).

12. "A Masonic Stamp Collection", by George B. Clark for the Masonic Service Association, March 1966 (36 pages).
13. "The Masonic Stamp Collector", Journal of the MSU/ATA, Edited by Nicholas G. Koutroulis, 38 Newsletters issued bimonthly from Sept. 1967 to Feb. 1975 (the final issues were longer intervals) (360 pages).
14. The Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain Newsletter, Edited by Trevor Fray, 6 Newsletters from Feb. 1976 to Oct. 1977.
15. "The Philatelic Freemason", Journal of the MU/ATA, Edited by Walter J. Kirby, 40 Newsletters issued bimonthly from Aug. 1977 to Feb. 1984 (400 pages).
16. The Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain) Newsletters, Edited by Trevor Fray, ongoing Newsletter quarterly beginning in July 1978.
17. "Masonic Cacheted Covers", compiled and edited by Robert A. Domingue, 1981 (257 pages) and Supplement No. 1, 1982 (58 pages).
18. "Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia Bulletin", Edited by Sid W. Martin, ongoing Newsletters issued quarterly beginning in Jan. 1984.
19. "The Philatelic Freemason", Journal of the Masonic Study Unit/ATA, Edited by Robert A. Domingue, ongoing Newsletters issued bimonthly beginning in May 1984.

Along this line of Philatelic Masonry references, Harry Hayes, publishers of philatelic literature in Great Britain, has announced the publication of Trevor Fray's book "Masonic Philately". It is being issued in parts and Part 1 is now being printed. This first volume contains 56 pages, sewn into soft plastic-coated covers. The Chapter headings are: The Background of the Brotherhood; The Religious and Charitable Aspects of Freemasonry; Forming your Collection; Masonic Personalities and Stamp Design; Groups of people featured on single stamps; and Freemasons on Stamps, part 1, A to E. This last chapter gives details of 260 Masons who have appeared on stamps; many are illustrated.

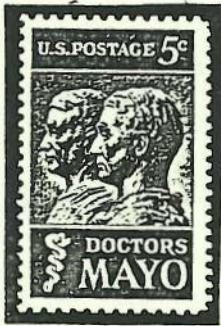
The cost of the book is £5.60 including postage and packing to any address in the world (a pound is equivalent to about \$1.32 - the market varies) and can be ordered directly from the publisher: Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar Street, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7HA England.

NEWSLETTER PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

Many times in the publication of newspapers, magazines, books or newsletters, the people who handle it after the by-lines have been applied are very quickly forgotten. In fact, most of the time they are not known or acknowledged. I wish to rectify that situation for The Philatelic Freemason. Once I finish typing and laying out the copy, it is provided to Bro. William Otenti, Member No. 87 of Wakefield, Mass., who then arranges for the printing and handles the distribution of the finished product. The actual printing arrangements are handled by Wor. Dr. Bruce Wedlock, presiding Master of Richard C. MacLaurin Lodge located at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Our thanks to both of these brethren for the excellent work they continue to do for the Unit.

During the last few mailings several of the newsletters have been returned in very poor condition - most of these from the midwest. Consequently, we have started using 6"X9" envelopes to protect the newsletters from improper handling. The added expense should be well justified and if you have received newsletters which are excessively damaged, please let us know so the situation can be remedied.

CHARLES HORACE MAYO



The U.S. commemorated Charles H. Mayo and his older brother, William James Mayo, with a postage stamp on Sept. 11, 1964, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research.

Charles Horace Mayo was born in Rochester, Minn., on July 19, 1865. He was educated at Northwestern University receiving his M.D. degree in 1888 and a M.A. degree in 1904. He joined his father and brother in medical practice in Rochester and was associated with St. Mary's Hospital. They grew St. Mary's into the Mayo Clinic and by 1929 it consisted of two large buildings, a major improvement considering they started in the Masonic Temple of Rochester. He and his brother contributed \$2,800,000 to establish the Mayo Foundation in 1915. He served as professor of surgery at the University of Minnesota medical school from 1919 to 1936 and surgeon and associate Chief of Staff at the Mayo Clinic from 1915 to 1936. During World War I he served in the Army Medical Corps, alternating with his brother as chief consultant in the office of the Surgeon General. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1920. He served as president of many medical organizations and authored more than 400 papers on medical and surgical subjects. He died in Chicago, Ill., on May 26, 1939.

Dr. Charles H. Mayo was a member of Rochester Lodge No. 21, Rochester, Minn., having been initiated on Jan. 27, passed on Feb. 24 and raised on May 12, 1890. He was also a member of Halcyon Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., and Home Commandery No. 5, K.T., both of Rochester. He was a 32nd degree Mason AASR (SJ) at Winona, Minn., and became a 33^o in Oct. 1935.

- from the Editor's files

WILLIAM C. HANDY

Bro. William C. Handy, Black Composer known as the "Father of the Blues" was born Nov. 16, 1873, at Florence, Ala. He taught school from 1892 to 1893, becoming a teacher-band-master in the latter year. In 1900 he was with the music department of the A. & M. College, Normal, Ala., until he became an orchestra leader for minstrel shows in 1903. In 1912 he started devoting all his time to composing and publishing as president of the Handy Bros. Music Co., Inc., New York City. Among his most famous blues songs are St. Louis Blues; Memphis Blues; Beale Street Blues and many others. He was the author of Negro Authors and Composers of the United States; W.C. Handy's Collection of Negro Spirituals; Father of the Blues (an autobiography); and Unsung Americans Sung.



Handy was a lifetime member of Hiram Lodge #4, under the Jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. This Lodge is composed of musicians such as Bro. Eubie Blake of the Broadway musical, "Eubie". He was also a 33^o Mason. Handy died March 31, 1958. Over 150,000 New Yorkers watched his funeral procession and a 30 piece Prince Hall Masonic Temple brass band led the cortege up Lenox Avenue where 2,500 mourners packed the church which was attended by notables and officials, the Mayor of New York, Congressmen and high ranking Masons, both black and white. He was buried with Masonic rites. Nat King Cole, a charter member of Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Los Angeles, Cal., played the role of W.C. Handy in the film, St. Louis Blues.

-Article submitted by Bro. Joseph A. Walkes

THOSE IMMORTAL CHAPLAINS

The United States issued a stamp on May 28, 1948, to commemorate the four chaplains who gave up their lives so that four others might live during the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester. The four chaplains were Rev. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister from Vermont, Rev. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi from Pennsylvania, Rev. Clark V. Poling, a Protestant minister from New York and Rev. John P. Washington, a Catholic Priest from New Jersey.



These four men were assigned to the S.S. Dorchester. The loading of personnel started on a night in Jan. 1943 at a Massachusetts port. Enroute to the zone of action, the ship was torpedoed and while it was sinking the four chaplains sacrificed their lives by giving their life belts to four enlisted men. They went down with the ship.

Rev. Clark V. Poling was the son of a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, Rev. Daniel A. Poling. He had indicated that he wanted to join the Masonic Fraternity upon his return.

Rev. George L. Fox was a member of Moose River Lodge No. 82, Concord, Vermont, being initiated on Aug. 2, passed on Sept. 6 and raised on Oct. 4, 1939. He served as the Chaplain of that Lodge.

Rev. George L. Fox was born on March 15, 1900, and served with distinction in World War I. He was a first aid man in Ambulance Co. No. 1, 2nd Division, and won the Silver Star, Croix De Guerre with Palms, Victory Medal with six Battle Bars and the Purple Heart - all at the early age of sixteen years. He became a Methodist minister and was serving the Community Church at Gilman, Vt., when he entered the Chaplain Corps.

-from editors files and an article by Philip J. Nitzberg which appeared in The Masonic Philatelist.

ARRIVAL OF LOYALISTS IN CANADA IN 1784

Canada issued a stamp on July 3, 1984, to honor the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Loyalists in Canada from the United States. It shows Loyalist families as they began their trek from the new U.S. to Canada and a Grand Union Flag (early version of the Union Jack) in the background. The Loyalists were those British colonists who chose to remain loyal to King George III during the war and were branded as traitors after the revolution. About 50,000 Loyalists were driven from their land journeying to Canada, settling from Ontario to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Bro. Werner R. Busche, Member No. 265, informs us that the leader of this group in its march out of the United States, Sir John Johnson, was a Mason. He was raised by his father Sir William Johnson who founded St. Patrick's Lodge No. 2 in Johnstown, N.Y., a Lodge which is still very active. During the Revolutionary War he took the working tools for safe keeping and after the end of hostilities returned them to the Lodge. They are on display at their Lodge Building Museum.



HENRY CLAY



1873



1898



1903



1983

Henry Clay has been pictured on several U.S. stamps as shown above but there was an extremely long period between the third and fourth (was he forgotten?).

Henry Clay was born on April 12, 1777, in Hanover County, Va. His education was limited to three years of country schooling. In 1791 when his mother remarried the family moved to Richmond where he became a retail store clerk and then a copyist for the High Court of Chancery. This position led to the study of law and by 1797 he was licensed to practice law. He moved west and settled in Lexington, Ky., and soon won recognition as a criminal lawyer.

He served in the Kentucky legislature from 1803 to 1806 and was elected Speaker of the Assembly in 1807. After serving two separate unexpired terms in the Senate, he won election to the House of Representatives in 1811 and was promptly elected the Speaker. He led the "War Hawks" and urged Pres. Madison to declare war in 1812. He served as Secretary of State under Adams and then entered the Senate, serving from 1831 to 1842 and again from 1849 to his death in Washington, D.C., on June 29, 1852. Throughout his public career he was known as "the Great Compromiser" and he used that capability on many occasions to the benefit of this country.

Henry Clay was raised in Lexington Lodge No. 1, Lexington, Ky., sometime between 1798 and 1801. He served as Junior Warden in 1802 and later as Master. He was Grand Master of Kentucky in 1820 and 1821 and Grand Orator in 1806, 1807 and 1809. He was one of the proponents of a General Grand Lodge and offered a resolution to that effect at a Masonic conference held in the Senate chambers on March 9, 1822. Following the defeat of the idea he demitted from his Lodge on Nov. 18, 1824, but was apparently reinstated as he was present at the Grand Lodge sessions in 1829. He was one of the few important men of his time who defied the Anti-Masonic party and he assisted materially in bringing Freemasonry back to the prestige it enjoyed prior to the "Morgan incident". He was an honorary member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City. He was buried with Masonic honors and his monument was Masonically dedicated on July 4, 1857.

- from the Editor's files

MSU COVER NO.4


The next MSU cover is for the Sept. 2 Dr. Frank Laubach issue. They are available from the Editor for \$1.00 each plus an SASE. Copies of #1, 2 and both versions of 3 are still available.

There were no U.S. stamps which were directly applicable to Dr. Laubach's worldwide campaign to combat illiteracy so an issue from the Congo Republic was selected to illustrate his "each one teach one" theme on this latest cover.

DR. FRANK CHARLES LAUBACH
 born Sept. 2, 1884 - Benton, Pa.
 died June 11, 1970 - Benton, Pa.

Campaigned against illiteracy throughout world

Minister,
Missionary
in
Philippines




Educator -
Union Seminary
in
Manila

"Each One Teach One"

Received degrees in Benton Lodge No. 667

Petitioned	Apr. 2, 1920
Entered	May 7, 1920
Crafted	Dec. 3, 1920
Raised	Dec. 31, 1920



MSU

Bro. Brahmstadt informs me that at the present time these covers are not for sale but he would like to trade with Masonic collectors whose covers are also in short supply. Anyone interested in trading, etc., write to him at 111 West 141 Street, Riverdale, Ill., 60627 - don't forget a .SASE for his response. It is encouraging to see well planned and well executed covers such as these in our hobby.



ITALIAN MSC COVER

MASONIC FANCY CANCELS

(From the Editor's Collection)

Square and Compasses

on the 1894 Issue

on the 1895 Issue



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

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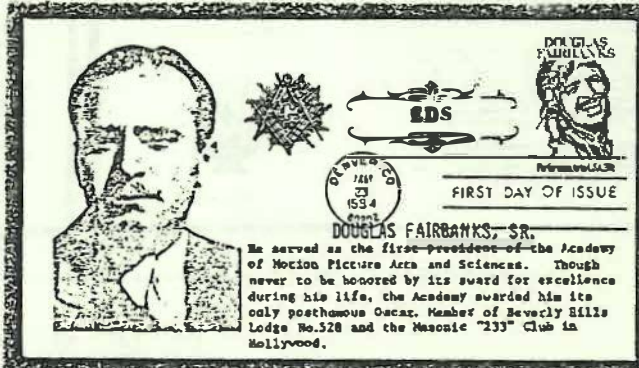
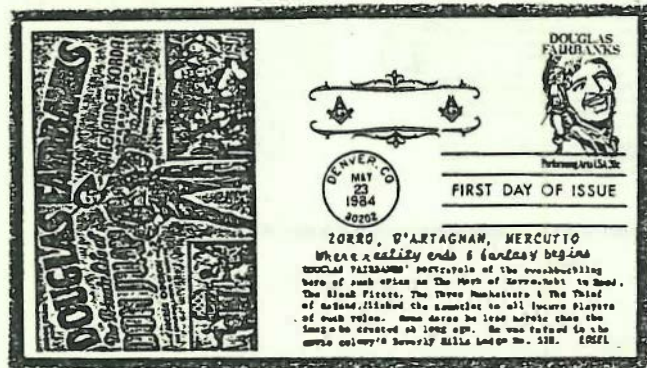
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

Performing Area (Col. Jr.)

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

ZORRO, D'ARTAGNAN, MERCUTIO
where reality ends & fantasy begins

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS' periscope of the swashbuckling
hero of pure action as The Hero of Zorro-Johnsford, The
Black Pirate, The Three Musketeers & The Thief
of Baghdad, flashes the gambler to all future players
of such roles. Some dars he less heroic than the
lamps he created on long ago. He was retired in the
movie capital's beautiful Belle Lodge No. 528. CHAZ

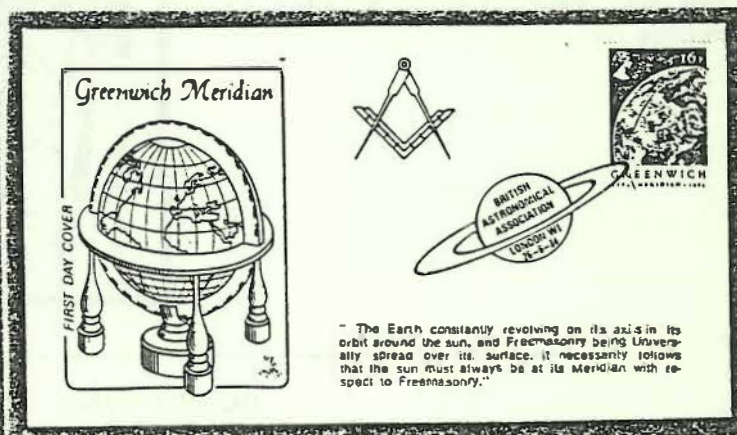


EDWARD VII

The image displays a collection of items related to King Edward VII and Freemasonry. On the left is a large, ornate postage stamp featuring a full-length portrait of King Edward VII in royal attire, with the text 'POSTAGE REVENUE' and '10' at the top. To its right is a smaller, square portrait stamp of the same monarch. Above the smaller stamp is a geometric diagram consisting of a diamond shape with radiating lines and a central eye-like symbol. Below the diagram is a circular postmark from 'CANADA' dated '6 MAY 31' and 'MONTREAL QUE.' At the bottom of the page is the text 'Arlington Masonic Cover'.

EDWARD VII (1841-1910) King of England, Died 6th May 1910. He was the first British Royal Prince to visit a Masonry Lodge, Canada in 1900 where on 1st Sept. he had the ceremonies of the Canadian Freemasonry Institute at Ottawa. He was elected into Freemasonry in 1860 at Stockton, Surrey by King Adelaide Frederick who was also Grand Master of Ottawa. He was Master of Apollo University Lodge at Oxford in 1873; Master of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 126, London, and also Royal Albert Lodge, London. He was patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Grand and Secretary Master of Edinburgh Lodge No. 1. He was Master of Supreme Council of 33rd of England, and elected Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England on 24th April 1901. He served as Grand Master until 1901 when he succeeded the Grand and was the title "Protector of the Craft" Queen Alexandra Lodge No. 2532 of London.

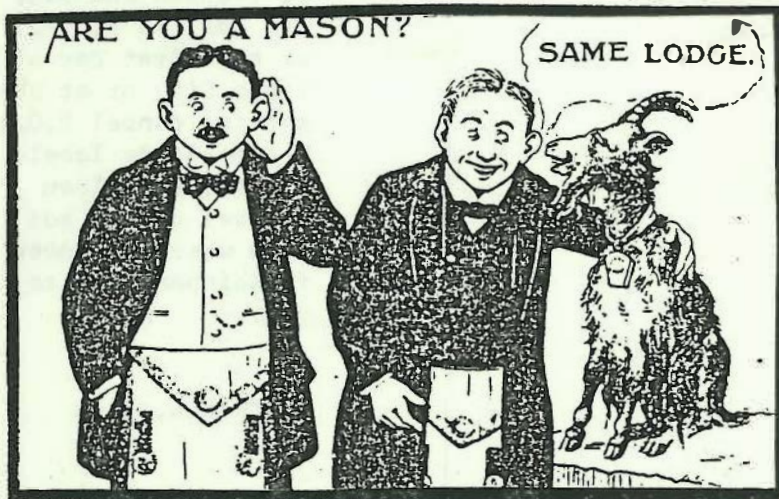
Arlington Masonic Cover



Several members have inquired into the availability of some of the Unit covers issued by our late editor, Walter J. Kirby. According to a recent letter from his widow, there is no residual stock available which could be provided to us. Apparently, he did not produce many beyond the quantity he was sure would sell.

MASONIC POSTCARDS

Bro. Thomas Gardner has provided copies of the Masonic postcards shown below from his collection of these items for our viewing pleasure.



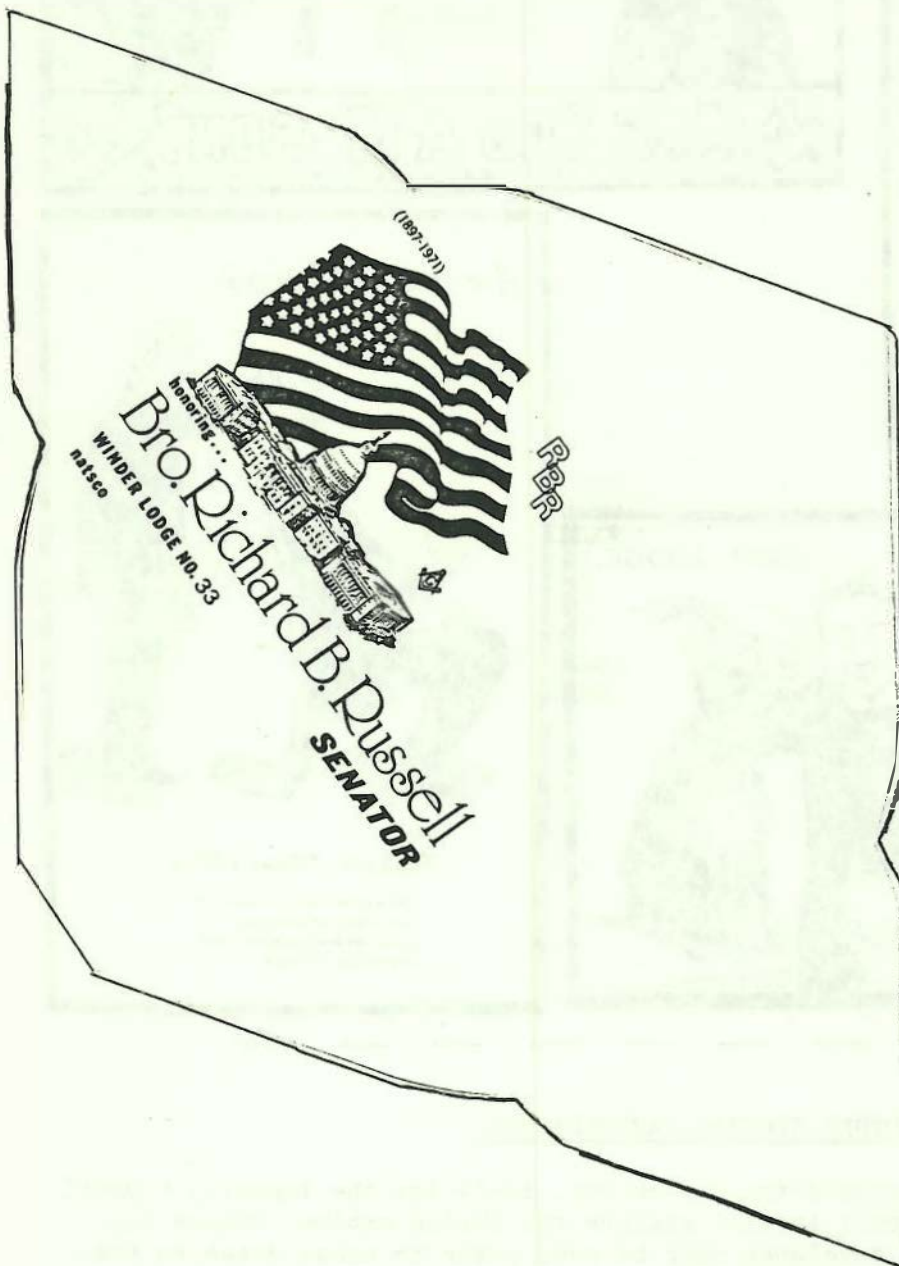
ANOTHER SPECIAL CANCELLATION

A special cancel has been authorized for use on Oct. 20-24 for the Imperial Council Session Station in Detroit, Mich.; it will picture the Shrine emblem. Orders for these cancellations on franked envelopes must be sent prior to those dates to the Postmaster, Detroit, Mich. 48233-9998. The cancel identification and date of use should be clearly marked on the outer envelope.

MAKE YOUR OWN COVERS

Bro. Stanley Longenecker, Member No. 92 and creator of NATSCO Covers, sends along the following information on how to make your own First Day Covers or Special Event Covers with just the use or availability of a copy machine. This method is especially applicable if you only want a few copies or must keep your costs to a minimum.

- 1.) Carefully open up an envelope, lay it flat and create your design (in black ink only) on the left hand side of the front face as shown below. The design can be drawn, a picture or a paste-up.
- 2.) Draw an outline in black ink just outside the envelope edges.
- 3.) Have the finished product copied on a good copy machine on the type and color paper you desire.



- 4.) Use a straight edge and razor blade to cut along the outline you created in step 2. Use the straight edge to fold (from the rear) at the proper crease lines and paste or use "glue stick" along the proper edges to recreate the original envelope.
- 5.) The envelope can then be franked and sent off for cancelling at the First Day of Issue City or at the special cancel P.O.. Use peelable labels to permit a clean removal of the address when the cover is shipped back to you.

-Thanks, Stan