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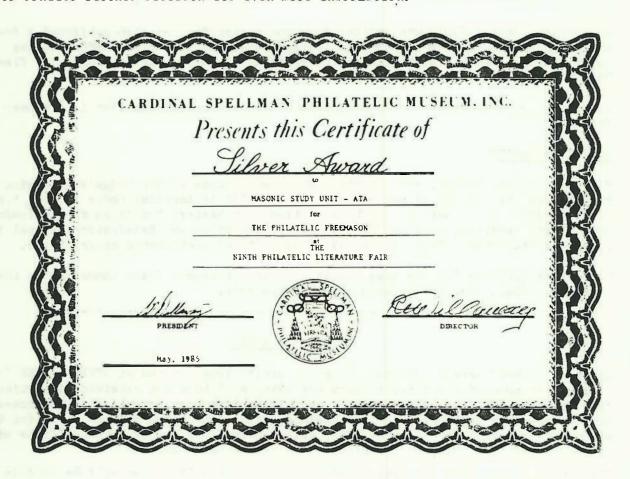
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WHOLE NO. 49

OUR MEMCLETTER RECEIVES AN AMARD

Earlier this year your Editor entered the past year's issues of our newsletter, "The Philatelic Freemason", in the Ninth Philatelic Literature Fair held at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Weston, Mass., in May. I am proud to announce that we earned a Silver Award in the competition. This honor speaks well for the content of our publication but we can't stop there - please continue to contribute articles and to conduct further research for even more information.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS (41so see page 506)

- 441 Derrick John William Bourne, Roseville Hinton Lane, Pantesbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England
- 442 Eugene R. Musgrave, 148 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, La. 71105
- 443 Gary R. Adams, SFC, RR 1 Box 1760, Arlington, Vt. 05250
- 444 Alejandro Rosovsky, Apdo. Postal 44-003, Delegation Benito Juarez, Mexico D.F., Mexico 03100
- 445 Ronald C. T. Hayes, 5503-90A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6B OP7
- 446 Francis Waddington, Sr., 315 Kenwood Ave., Apt. 11, Syracuse, N.Y. 13208
- 447 Leslie Victor Johnston, 25 Ashley Park, Armagh, North Ireland BT60 1EU

ADDRESS CHANGES

- 101 Gordon Garrett, 7017 Las Vegas Ave., N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110 OR
 P.O. Box 37532, Albuquerque, N.M. 87176
- 187 Kenneth H. Vinje, P.O. Box 71, Elkhart, Ind. 46515
- 388 Frank Cochrane III, P.O. Box 360025, Melbourne, Fla. 32936

RESIGNATION

404 L. Paul Azcuenage, Bountiful, Utah

CLOSED ALBUMS

36 John M. Kokko, Jr., Lancaster, Ohio - July 23, 1985

M. Beazley, Member #302, was omitted from the roster Bro. Needham published a few years ago and would like to have his address published in the Newsletter in the event that any members might like to correspond: 216 West Dyke Road, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 4JS, England.

Perhaps we will be able to make available an updated membership list in the near future.

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

R.W. Bro. Albert Hanson, PSGM, Member #222, sent a copy of his Lodge's communication which shows the variety of positions which he holds in Americus Lodge No. 83, F.& A.M., of Woodbridge, N.J.. Not only is he an active Past Master, but is on the following committees: Auditing, Dues and Delinquencies, Reception and Examination, Ritual Instruction and Craftsman's Team. He certainly doesn't get much chance to get bored.

Wor. Frank Cochrane III has been appointed District Deputy Grand Commander in the Melbourne, Fla., area and is enjoying this new role.

NEVPEN-TOPEX 85

Apparently there were no Masonic Philately exhibitions entered at NEVPEX-TOPEX '85, or at least none of a caliber to earn our award as I have not received any notice of such from the ATA. The winners of the exhibition have been announced in the press and are headed up by Ingeburg Fisher of Spokane, Wash., who won the Grand Award for her exhibit "Nurmberg:Tale of a City". The Reserve Grand was won by John Griffiths of Cista, Calif., for "History of Railways:The Steam Train Era".

There will be no TOPEX '86 because of AMERIPEX but the 1987 show will be held in Columbia, S.C.. This gives us almost a full two years to plan and organize exhibits which will place us in the limelight of our hobby.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues have relationship to a Masonic Philatelic collection:

- April Bulgaria European Composers, 6 val., includes Wolfgang A. Mozart.
- April Central African Republic International Youth Year/Children's Authors, 4 val., 100 fr - Rudyard Kipling, 400 fr - Mark Twain.
- April 17 Turks & Caicos Is. British Royal Navy, 4 val. + S/S, 30¢ Lord Nelson and HMS "Victory".
- April 29 Niger International Youth Year/Children's Authors, 4 val., 450 fr-Rudyard Kipling.
- April 30 Dominica Duke of Edinburgh Award, 4 val. + S/S, \$5 S/S Prince Philip.
- May 10

 Barbuda Centenary of Statue of Liberty, 6 val. + S/S, 25c Torch in Madison Square Park, 1885; 30c Restoration and renewal, 1984-86; 50c F. A. Bartholdi supervises construction, 1876; 90c bust of the statue; \$1 statue during the bicentennial; \$3 dedication; \$5 S/S ship in N.Y. harbor, skyscrapers, statue.
- May 17 Turks & Caicos Is. 150th Anniversary of Mark Twain's birth (and 200th Anniversary of Jakob Grimm's birth, 5 val., 25¢ Mark Twain atop Halley's Comet, 35¢ Mississippi Riverboat, \$2 M. Twain and J. Grimm and scenes from their works.
- May 24 Republic of Guinea Space Achievements, 6 val. + S/S + 2 gold, 30 s Apollo 11 launch and Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins.
- May 25 Chad Famous People, 6 val. + S/S + Gold foil, 45 fr Jean-Henri Dunant and birthplace in Geneva.
- May 27 Comoro Is. Anniversaries and Events, 5 val., 100 fr Victor Hugo and Pantheon, Paris; 300 fr Mark Twain and Mississippi Riverboat; 500 fr-Statue of Liberty.
- June 20 Belize 85th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 4 val. + 2 S/S, S5 S/S The Queen Mother with Queen Elizabety, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Diana.
- July 10 Hungary Music Year, 6 val., 4 ft Luigi Cherubini.
- July 18 U.S. Frederic A. Bartholdi (22c).
- July 25 U.S. Henry Knox (8c)
- Dec. 4 U.S. 36c Aerogramme for Halley's Comet and Mark Twain.
- 1986 US Program includes: All deceased U.S. Presidents (May) Statue of Liberty

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington

Pathfinders of the Far North - Robert E. Peary
Mathew A. Henson

Our Unit Vice President, Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., points out that Bro. Henson of Celestial Lodge No. 3, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, was the sole companion of Robert E, Peary when the North Pole was discovered in 1909.

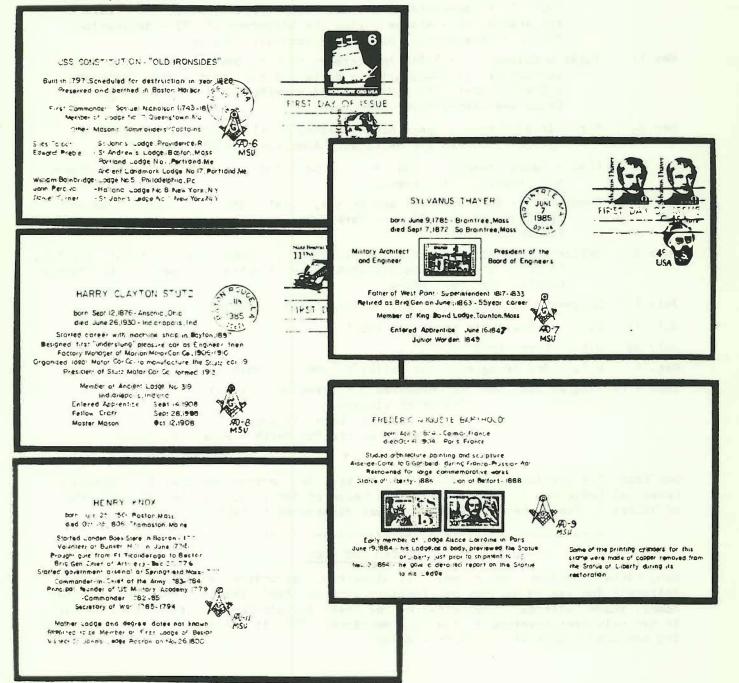
SPREAD THE WORD

Bro. Richard Needham, one of our Unit Directors, has written an article on Masonic Philately for use in various publications such as Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Topical Times, Stamp Collector, Newsletter of the Great Britain Masonic Stamp Club. So far it has only been observed in the last mentioned. This is one member's way of spreading our word - what are you others doing?

MSU/ATA COVERS

The three club covers mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter - #6 - USS Constitution, #7 - Sylvanus Thayer, #8 - Harr, 5. Stutz - are ready for purchase and are shown below. I must apologize for the error in the next to last line of text on the S. Thayer cover - he received his E.A. Degree in 1847 not 1842. I caught all but a few of them - will those of you who have "uncorrected" covers please correct them as indicated.

Covers #9 & #11 are now receiving the first day cancel and should be available by the time this newsletter is distributed. Cover #9 was prepared for the Bartholdi issue of July 18 and #11 for the Henry Knox stamp of July 25. (Cover #10 was prepared for the G. Washington coil stamp which was scheduled for July 23 but was delayed. The covers will be serviced when the stamp is released - presently set for Nov. 6).



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE UNIT FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 30- 1985

Beginning Balance	\$	0
Received from former Secretary		4,393.10
Interest earned on savings		165.35
Dues Receipts		1,787,53
Misc. receipts and donations Total receipts		50.00
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Expenditures		
Newsletter printing	\$	475.58
Postage & envelopes for mailing		1,032.13
Stamped envelopes for dues		116.50
Stamps for foreign mailing		44.00
Secretary expenses		72.93
Miscellaneous		15.00
Total expenditures	\$	1,756.14
Balance on hand in Checking Account	\$	4,639.84

This statement is through June 17, 1985. 90% of the dues have been received.

We have 28 foreign and 33 domestic members who have not paid dues as of June 17. All domestic members have received a second dues notice.

Respectfully 1

Secretary/Treasurer

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NAT "KING" COLE



This great musician is pictured on a stamp issued by Mali on Dec. 6 1971, as part of a set for famous American black musicians.

Nat "King" Cole (Nathaniel Adams) was born on March 17, 1919, in Montgomery, Ala., one of five children of the Rev. Edward James and Perlina Coles. Encouraged by his musically inclined mother, "the only music teacher" he ever had, he played "Yes, We Have No Bananas" on the piano when he was four years old. At five the family moved to Chicago where his father pastored the True Light Baptist Church where Nat sang and played the piano. While attending Wendall Phillips High School, he also played the piano in the Rouges of Rhythm, a band led by his brother Eddie. In 1936 Nat played the piano in Shuffle Along,

the all-Black musical revue, written and first produced in New York City (1921) by four Blacks, two being Prince Hall Freemasons, Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle. In 1938 he formed a trio which became known as the Nat King Cole Trio.

NAT "KING" COLE (Cont'd)

In 1943 Nat launched his career as a singer with the record "Straighten Up and Fly Right", the text of one of his father's sermons. In 1947 his recording of "The Christmas Song", began a long list of recordings that sold over a million copies and earned large royalties. Among the most successful were "Nature Boy" (1948), "Mona Lisa" (1949) and "Two Young" (1951). He appeared in seven motion pictures and appeared as a guest on television shows. In 1956-7 he became the first Black to host a nationwide network television show. In 1962 his recording of "Rambling Rose" and an album by the same title sold a million copies each, as did two other albums - "Love is the Thing" and "Unforgetable". He died of cancer on Feb. 25, 1965, and is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. His daughter, Natalie, is presently a successful rock singer.

Nat was a member of Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49 of Los Angeles, Calif., being initiated on Jan. 9, 1944, and raised on Jan. 31, 1944. The Lodge was named for the legendary Jazz musician "Fats' Waller, himself a Prince Hall Freemason.

Article contributed by Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr.

MASONRY ON ISRAEL STAMPS

Ely Rosen, a member of the ATA and apparently of the Masonic Stamp Club of Israel, has provided an extensive listing of Masonic Symbols and persons on Israel stamps. He compiled it for his local club and now wishes to share it with others - it is presented below. I am sure he would be glad to hear from any of our members interested in the same subject - the addresses involved are: (See new members on page 506)

Ely Rosen 88 Abba Hillel St. Ramat-Gan Israel 52542 The Masonic Stamp Club of Israel P.O. Box 282
Ramat-Gan 52102
Israel

TORAH - Holy Book on the Altar - (Scott) 52, 348-352

JAFFA - At the York Rite "Royal Arch" - C-16, C-24

MENORAH - 7 Candles at the York Rite, at the Royal Arch - 28-30, 34, 37, 46-7, 55, 62-64, 70-71, 73, 84-5, 93, 119, 124-6, 127, 128, 139, 142, 143-4, 222-3, 255, 256-8, 263, 311, 308-10, 312, 324, 341, 342-4, 362-3, 365, 408, 414-6, 447-50, 488-91, 501, 547-8, 571, 838

SHEKEL - Symbol for the Master Mason of the "Royal Arch" - 1-9, 16, 17-22, 38-43, 56-61, 80-83, 68-77, 532A-34, 757-69, 784-6, 807, 808-10, J1-5, 01-4

SOLOMON'S SEAL - Symbol at the 28th Degree - 15, 35, 36

HEXAGONAL STAR - Symbol at the 28th Degree - 48-50, 78, 86

David's Shield - Symbol at the 28th Degree - 86, 104, 189, 229, 292, 310, 345-7, 366, 369, 385, 393, 487, 493, 522, 572, 636, 672, 688, 684, 685, 690, 707, 723, 748, 749, 783, 824, 838, 838A

EZRA, NEHEMIA - Office Holders at the York Rite - 424

ROSES - Symbol at the Scottish Rite - 791-3

LANDMARK - The old customs and fundamental principles of Freemasonry - 596

CHARLES NETTER - Member of Lodge "Reclamation" - 418

ZEEV JABOTINSKY - Member of Lodge in Paris - 410, 706

MOSES MONTEFIORE - Member of Lodge "Moriah" in London - 776

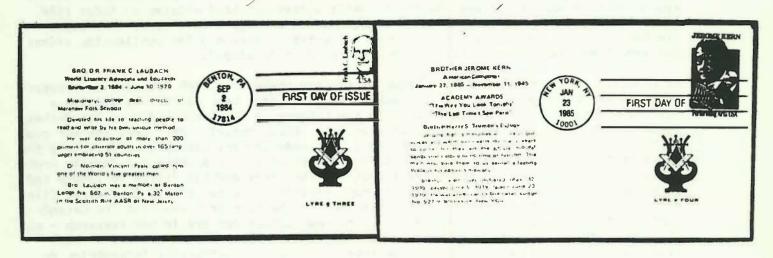
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SIR CHARLES WARREN

Further information on Sir Charles Warren (ref. page 489 of the last newsletter) has been received from a variety of sources. He was born at Bangor, Wales, on Feb. 7, 1840, and was knighted in 1883. He returned to South Africa in 1884 in command of the expedition which proclaimed the Crown Colony and laid out the town of Mafeking. He landed in South Africa for the third time in 1899 as lieutenant-general commanding the 5th Division of the Army under Gen. Redvers Buller in the Second Anglo-Boer War. Warren died at Westor-super-Mare on Jan. 21, 1927, and was buried at Westbere, Kent.

Charles Warren was a member of Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, and Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832. He had served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge when the petition to form Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 was presented with Bro. Warren recommended as the first Worshipful Master.

LYRE COVERS THREE & FOUR

Bro. Harry Brahmstadt, Member #242 of Riverdale, Ill.,has forwarded copies of his latest two Masonic cacheted covers published under the name of "Lyre". He reports he has been ill and undergoing medical tests but is now getting back into his hobby and answering the mail which has piled up. Thank you, Bro. Brahmstadt.



CUNNINGHAM COVER FOR PRINCE HALL STATION

John Cunningham, Member #13, has prepared a cover based on the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Mass. celebration cancel of Sept. 29, 1984. Although the quality of the actual cancel left a bit to be desired as mentioned in a previous article Bro. John was able to develop a very nice cover around it as shown to the right. There is an enclosure card with each cover that provides information on the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Further information on this cover is available from Bro. John Cunningham at Grant 205, 3700 No. Capitol St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.



MASONIC RESEARCHERS - LANS & LOKE

Over the years of the various Masonic Philatelic publications such as the "Masonic Stamp Unit Newsletter" by Clarence Beltmann, "The Masonic Stamp Collector" by Nick Koutroulis and "The Philatelic Freemason" by Walter Kirby and your present editor, we have seen the names of Wessel M. Lans and Marshall Loke as authors of many articles. Their leading position in the field of Masonic Philately research is well acknowledged and appreciated but few know how deep this research has gone and how much a part of their lives it is (or was in the case of Bro. Loke). A story on this subject has unfolded over the past several months which I would now like to relate for the benefit of all our members; perhaps it will serve as a catalyst to instill the same driving force of research into others.

Bro. Lans and Bro. Loke started into the field of in-depth research into their hobby of Masonic Philately about 30 years ago. In Jan. 1961 they started to correspond with each other and in Oct. of that year they published a joint checklist in "The Masonic Philatelist" of the Masonic Stamp Club Of New York. Since that time they exchanged more than 350 letters to keep each other informed of their research efforts and their findings. They did have three occasions on which they met in Rochester, N.Y., when Bro. Lans had opportunity to visit this country. (Bro. Lans lives in The Netherlands.) During this relationship they managed to develop a reference file of about 750 well-documented cases of Masons on stamps, about 150 potential cases and a number of Masons appearing on stamps in groups. Marshall Loke's system was hand written on index file cards (in English) while Wessel Lans' documentation was typed onto loose-leaf pages (in Dutch). There were thoughts of eventually entering into a joint publication effort but Bro. Loke passed on before such an idea could be developed.

As early as 1972 both researchers began to concern themselves with security or preservation of the files on which they had worked so hard. Bro. Lans did act by placing a duplicate copy of his loose-leaf pages in the Library of the Grand Lodge of The Netherlands in The Hague and keep it updated regularly. Unfortunately, Bro. Loke did not copy his file card system before his death. Bro. Lans made several attempts to determine the disposition and location of Bro. Loke's file system after his passing and finally wrote to me informing me of this past relationship, their plans and his desire to locate and perpetuate the data. In the meantime, he made additional copies of his loose-leaf files and placed them at the disposal of the Brethren in the Masonic Stamp Club "De Getande Rand" in The Netherlands. He sent one copy to your Editor for use in our research - an excellent effort consisting of three notebooks of loose leaf sheets printed on both sides. Although they are in Dutch, I believe I can extract sufficient information on Masonic data if needed and I will embark on acquiring a translation tool.

During this time span, I have been successful in locating Bro. Loke's files and through the permission and recommendations of Rt. Wor. Bro. Alan Boudreau, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, these files are being released to me as soon as I can travel to their location - a pleasant task which I will be performing in September. This will then provide me with both sets of records. As many of you are aware, I have a keen interest on research and a love for writing. If I can develop the aire of an entrepreneur, the ultimate dream of Marshall Loke and Wessel Lans may be realized. All it takes is time and money - I will reserve final judgement until I have adequate opportunity to properly assess the total task.

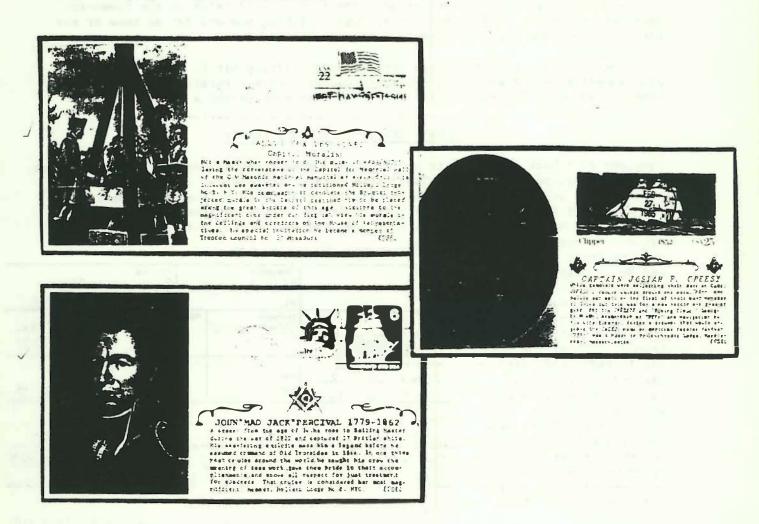
Thankfully, the research efforts of these two prominent scholars will not be lost but will be available for use by future groups of Masonic Philatelists.

MASONIC RESEARCHER - EDSEL HATFIELD

One of the significant contributors to the field of Masonic Philately today is Bro. Edsel Hatfield of Hazelwood (Greater St. Louis), Missouri. He contributes his data discoveries to us, however, in a slightly different media than most of us are used to and many are not ever aware of it. He documents his research findings on Masonic cacheted covers. His covers, published as "Edsel" Covers are well done using photographs and thermographic printing which he and his wife Jessie create. The covers are not run of the mill in that the Masons cited and honored are not always the most well-known individual associated with the stamp issued. Edsel conducts considerable research into the stamp subject and selects the most appropriate designs. His fervor for research is "overpowering" - on a recent vacation to Hawaii he spent countless hours in libraries and museums researching the prominent Masons of the Islands' historythe Kamehamehas, David Kalakaua and William P. Leleiohoku. He manages to find his way to libraries and museums on every trip he takes - how many of us think this way?

One of the complicating factors in his selected medium of cacheted covers is the illustration requirement - this is a category in which Edsel excells. Not only is he able to dig out the information on the unsung heroes but he also is able to locate a picture of the person which he photographs and uses for his cachet. Some of his more unique covers are shown here to illustrate this point.

Contributions made by Bro. Hatfield and others like him who enjoy research help to advance our hobby to a meaningful level attractive to the collector and the historian alike. Keep up the good work, Edsel.



MORE NEW MEMBERS:

448 Ely Rosen, 88 Aba Hillel Street, Ramat-Gan, Israel 52542 (see pg 502)

449 Philip Freedman, 53 Old Church Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, England

450 Thanasi Nikolaidis, Iasiou 6, Athens, Greece 11521

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

I hope your swamer has been an enjoyable one - it seems to go by so quickly. This newsletter preparation snuck up on me and I am sorry it is a little late in getting out. By reviewing its contents, you can readily see that a majority of it is a "solo" effort. This should not be. Am I not providing the type of information you want? I'm sure each one of you has or can create an article on your favorite aspect of our hobby. The only real way to ensure that the newsletter appeals to the membership is to have it composed by articles/items submitted by that membership. Please send in articles or leads for articles you would like to see (I will be happy to compose articles based on member's leads or desires). Now that the summer months are over, we can all get back to our hobby and the attendant research. Each item submitted is useful to at least one more person and it takes many pieces to complete the total puzzle.

It is not too early to start thinking about candidates for the officer's slots for the next two years. The new term starts on May 1, 1986, so the final ballots must be distributed with the March-April newsletter. The final call for nominees will be in the January-February newsletter with the initial plea being in the November-December issue-that is our next issue. Start thinking now and let me know of any ideas you may have within the next few months.

Allow me to extend the title page article just a little bit by commenting that I also submitted my US and Foreign Masonic Cacheted Covers catalogs to this competition. I was very pleased when informed that they each earned a Vermiel Award.

ANOTHER INPUT ON SYLVANUS THAYER

When one sits back and tries to put all the pieces together regarding Gem. Sylvanus Thayer and his possible membership in the Masonic Fraternity, some semblance of order can be achieved. He left West Point in 1832, moved to Braintree, Mass., and was appointed by the War Department to build the fortifications at Fort Warren on Georges Island in Boston Harbor - a 20 year project. During this period he was

exposed to many operative craftsmen from Maine and New Hampshire where his materials came from. It was near the end of this assignment -1847that he is said to have become a Mason. The timing is right and based on the info on the Grand Lodge of Mass. file card shown to the right, both Librarian and Grand Secretary are firmly convinced that it was the "Father of West Point" that was initiated in King David Lodge on June 16, 1847.

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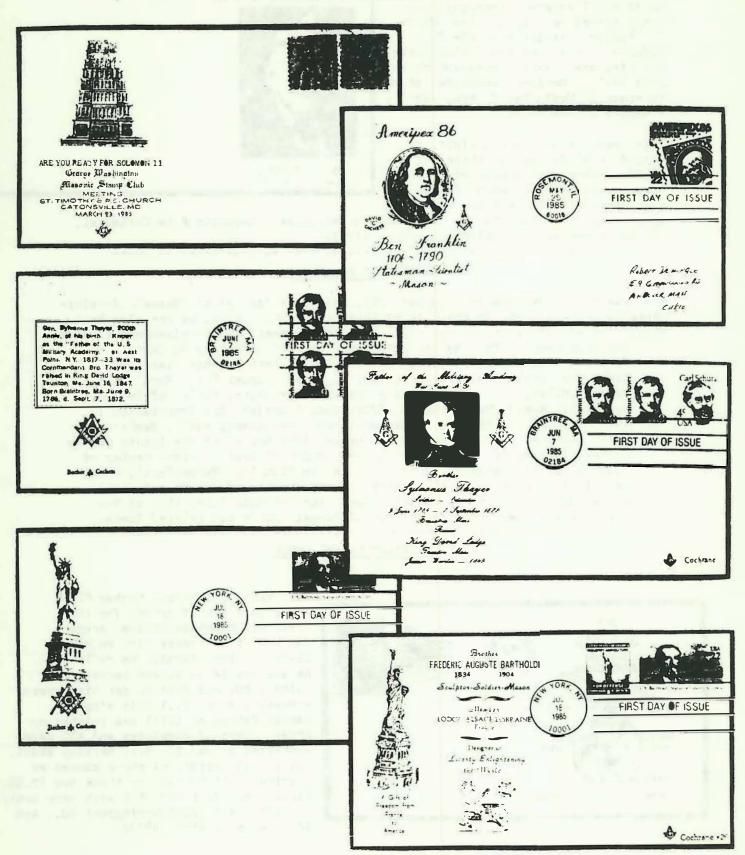
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RECENT MASONIC COVERS

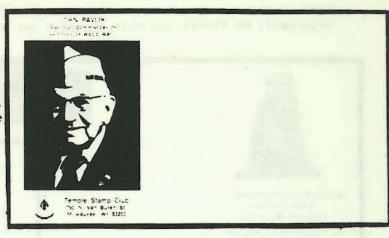
Some of the recent Masonic cacheted cover efforts by Bros. Frank Cochrane, David C. Pritchard, Ed Becher and Whit Laudeman are shown below:



TEMPLE STAMP CLUB COVER OFFER

The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee has issued a First Day Cover for the World War I Veterans commemorative stamp issued on Aug. 26. Bro. Wayne E. Claflin, President of the Cl., informs us that the four color cachet will feature a late photograph of Bro. John Pavlik, National Commander of the Veterans of World War I. Bro. John is a native of Milwaukee.

This cover, shown to the right, is priced at \$1.25 each or three for \$3.50; covers with blocks of four stamps will be \$2.00 each. Orders must include a #10 SASE and can be



placed with the Club: Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 790 Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202.

MASONIC BIOSKETCH

Bro. Marvin L. "Pat" Keller, Member #210, sent us a list of his Masonic involvements as of this year. In the role of Secretary of his Lodge, he can also be considered an Editor in his own right. His achievements and involvements include:

Ten year member, Past Master (1980) and current Secretary of East Townsend Lodge #322, F.& A.M., Collins, Ohio, 16th Masonic District; Eight year member and currently King of Milan Chapter #135, Royal Arch Masons, Milan, Ohio; 1976 class of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo, Membership Award; Member of the "Firelands Scottish Rite Association"; 1976 class of the Shrine, Valley of Toledo, Membership Award; Member and Chief Ambassador of the Firelands Shrine Club; Member of the Lorain County Shrine Club; Member of Halycon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; Member of Singara Grotto, Sandusky, Ohio; "Couzin" in Clan 75, "Turkeyfoot", Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree; Member of ATA Masonic Study Group, George Washington Masonic Stamp Club, Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Temple Stamp Club; collector of Masonic FDC's and related items.

MICHIGAN SHRINE COVER



Bro. Paul C. Berkley, Member #143, prepared a set of covers for the First All Michigan Shrine Ceremonial held in Traverse City on May 24-26. (Unfortunately, he tells us he was unable to attend because of illness but was able to get his covers processed properly.) This single cachet (shown at left) was printed on three colors of envelopes and all were cancelled on May 25. Bro. Berkley still has a small supply of these covers at a price of \$1.00 each or three for \$2.50. Please include a #10 SASE with your order. His address is 2251 Springport Rd., Apt 319, Jackson, Mich. 49202.