

# THE PHILATELIC FREEMASON

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*No indication  
this numbering  
error was  
ever corrected*

EDWIN EUGENE ALDRIN, JR.



The U.S.P.S. released a \$2.40 Priority Mail stamp on July 20, 1989, to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the landing on the moon. The stamp pictures Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, Jr., planting the Stars and Stripes on the lunar surface. As will be mentioned later in this Newsletter, many other nations joined in honoring this event philatelically.

Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr., was born in Glen Ridge, N.J., on Jan. 20, 1930. He graduated third in his class at West Point in 1951 and transferred to the Air Force. He received a doctor of science degree in astronautics from M.I.T. in 1963. Prior to being appointed as an astronaut, he was an engineer with the Space Systems Division in Houston. He had amassed more than 2500 hours flying time and was credited with two enemy fighter kills while on duty in Korea. In 1966 he was on the crew of Gemini 12, a four day flight during which he took a 5 1/2 hour space walk. His role in the Apollo 11 mission and the second person to walk on the moon is legend. He left the Air Force in 1971 and has held many positions since - including that of author of "Return to Earth" and "Men From Earth".

Bro. Aldrin is a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, Montclair, N.J.. He received all three degrees as a courtesy of other Lodges. He was initiated by Oak Park Lodge No. 864, Montgomery, Ala., on Feb. 17, 1955, and was passed in the same Lodge on April 12, 1955. He was raised by Lawrence N. Greenleaf Lodge No. 169, Denver, Colo., on Feb. 21, 1956. When he made his trip to the moon he carried with him a Special Deputation from the Grand Master of Texas deputizing him as the Special Representative of the Grand Master and authorizing him to open a Representation of the Grand Lodge of Texas on the Moon and establish Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction there for that Grand Lodge.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

263. J. L. Orchard, P.O. Box 464, Wimberly, TX 78676

266. Ralston S. Clinch, 11 Linden Ave., Swampscott, MA 01907

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

39. Col. G. K. Gillberry, 20 Old Arncott Road, Ambrosden,  
Bicester, Oxon OX6 OLT England

140. David Clem, Jr., 410 South Hobart, Los Angeles, CA 90020

### MEMBER'S ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Anthony J. Salzman, Member No. 319, of Gainesville, FL, was elected Worshipful Master of R. T. Schafer Lodge No. 350 F. & A.M. in his home town for the year 1989. Best of luck Bro. Salzman.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal year 1988-1989 is as follows:

Balance 4/30/88		\$ 4,591.67
Receipts		
Dues	\$ 2,123.25	
Interest	276.57	
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Total		2,399.82
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Net Available		\$ 6,991.49
Expenses		
Newsletter Printing	\$ 805.63	
Postage	1,585.50	
Treasurer Expense	100.00	
Misc.	37.60	
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Total		2,528.73
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Balance on Hand 4/30/89		\$ 4,462.76

Respectfully submitted,  
Otto L. Steding

Editor's note: It does not take a Ph.D. in mathematics and/or economics to determine that the cost of the Newsletter printing and postage is significantly more than the dues income. The cost of the printing, done for us by the Lowell Institute School of M.I.T., is more than competitive when quoted by other firms; the cost of the postage is nothing we can do anything about unless we have more than 600 members and can avail ourselves of pre-sorted mail. The only answer is to increase the membership or the dues. Let's opt for the former - let's all get at least one new member before our fiscal year is out.



## ITALIAN MASONIC STAMP CLUB COVER



The Italian Masonic Stamp Club has issued a cover for their 20th Anniversary. Information on the availability and cost of this cover should be obtained from Mrs. Dina Ricci, Casella Postale 39, I-48022 Lugo (Ra), Italy.

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## GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN COVER

On June 10, 1989, the Grand Lodge of Spain celebrated its 10th anniversary of legalization of the order after the dictatorship of Gen. Franco. A cover was issued for this event and shows Bro. Narcis Monturiol inventor of the submarine. A special postmark also signifies the occasion. Copies of this cover are available at a cost of \$3.00 each from Gran Logia Simbolica Espanola; Bro. Juan Sabater; Apartado de Correos, 236; 08080 Barcelona, Spain.



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## GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA COVER



A cover commemorating the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota is available from Bro. H. A. Ort, Route 1, Box 354, Fargo, ND 58103, at a cost of \$3.00 each. The Grand Lodge of Dakota was divided into North and South Grand Lodges on June 13, 1889. Each cover has two first day cancellations - Feb. 21 with the No. Dakota issue and May 3 with the So. Dakota issue.

## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of a Masonic interest have been noted recently in the philatelic media:

- Jan. 27 - Venezuela - Simon Bolivar - se-tenant pair.
- Feb. 13 - Maldive Is. - J.F. Kennedy and Space Program - se-tenant strip of 4 stamps + 2 S/S - one S/S pictures Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.
- Feb. 28 - East Germany - Famous People - 5 stamps - one pictures Carl von Ossietzky. (Pictured in the last Newsletter)
- Apr. 3 - St. Vincent - Masters of Jazz and Big Band Music - 7 stamps + 2 S/S. Included are \$4-Duke Ellington, \$5 S/S - Count Basie
- Apr. 4 - East Germany - Birth Centenary of Fredrich List and 150th Anniversary of Liepzig-Dresden Railway - 1 value. (Pictured in last Newsletter)
- Apr. 21 - Czechoslovakia - Treasures of National Gallery in Prague - S/S - details from Durer's "Feast of Rose Gardens".
- May 8 - Kenya - 125th Anniversary of the Red Cross - 5 values - 750/- shows blood donation.
- May 15 - Western Samoa - 125th Anniversary of the Red Cross - 4 values - 65 s shows blood donors.
- May 16 - East Germany - 225th Birth Anniversary of Gottfried Schadow - 2 values.
- May 18 - Russia - Bees - 4 values - three show bees, one a beehive
- May 23 - East Germany - Bicentennial of Fredrick Schiller's Inaugural Address at Jena University - triptych of 2 stamps plus a label.
- June 23 - Canada - set of 4 stamps for 150th anniversary of first known photograph taken by a Canadian. Pictured are - William Notman, Alexander Henderson, Jules-Ernest Livernois, W. Hanson Boorne - are any of these men Freemasons??
- July 13 - West Germany - Birth Centennial of Fredrich List - 1 val
- July 20 - Moon Landing Anniversary - Kiribati - 4 val + S/S - 35c pictures astronauts Cernan, Young and Thomas P. Stafford.  
  - Western Samoa - 4 val + 1 S/S
  - 50s pictures astronauts Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, Rossa
  - S/S shows E. Aldrin beside flag on moon.





July 20 - Moon Landing Anniversary - Grenada - 8 val + 2 S/S - one S/S pictures N. Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin planting an American flag on the moon.

- Grenada Grenadines - 8 val + 2 S/S - 75c shows Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin setting up an experiment on the moon.

- St. Kitts - 4 val + S/S - S/S pictures Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin leaving lunar module during Apollo 11 mission.

- St. Vincent - 8 val + S/S - one \$2 stamp shows Edwin Aldrin conducting solar wind experiment on moon.

- Liberia - 4 val + S/S - S/S shows Edwin Aldrin stepping on lunar surface.

- Zil Elwannyen Sesel - 4 val + S/S - 2re value pictures Astronauts Thomas Stafford, Slayton and Brand and Cosmonauts.

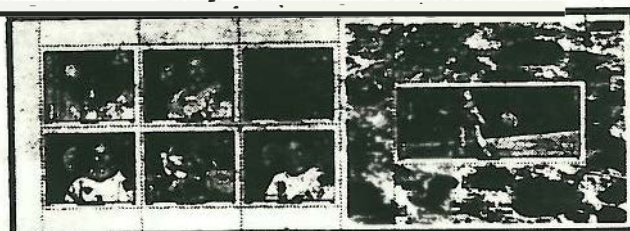
- Palau - priority mail stamp which pictures Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.



- Nevis - 4 val + S/S - S/S shows Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin deploying experiment on lunar surface during Apollo 11 mission.

July - Beguia - Walt Disney Salutes Phileas France and the Bicentennial of the French Revolution - 8 values + 2 S/S. The \$6 value is defined as "Scrooge McDuck as the grand master mason" - Can anyone provide a copy of this stamp so we can see it?

Aug. 1 - Marshall Islands - 20th Anniversary of Men on the Moon - 6 values+S/S in booklet. One stamp shows astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.



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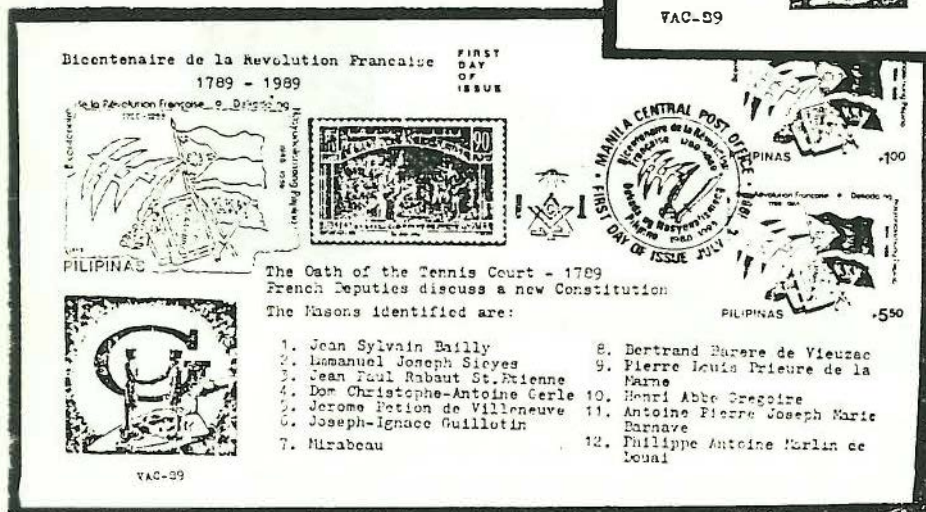
The stamps shown here, provided by Bro. Norman Lincoln are recent releases by The Gambia and Dominica picturing Laurel and Hardy, Clark Gable and Josephine Baker - all discussed in recent issues of the Newsletter.



## PHILIPPINES MASONIC COVERS

The Philippine Postal Service issued a set of two stamps on July 1, 1989, marking the Bicentennial of the French Revolution in the Philippines and a Decade of Filipino Nationalism. Bro. Vicente A. Cu has prepared two Masonic covers for this issue. Shown below, they are available from him at a cost of \$3.00 for the pair. Please do not use a check for payment - banknotes are preferred.

The stamps are full of Masonic significance. The books are "Noli me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo", both written by Bro. Jose Rizal. The KKK stands for Katipunan, the secret organization founded by Bro. Andres Bonifacio and several others on July 7, 1892. The Philippine flag, made in Hong Kong, was brought to the Philippines by Bro. Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo.

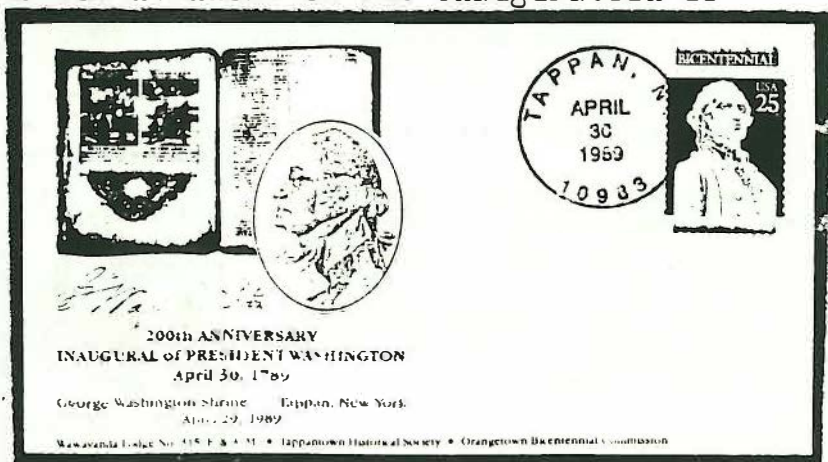


Bro. Cu's address is P.O. Box 1443, 1099 Manila, Philippines.

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## WASHINGTON INAUGURAL COVER

Wawayanda Lodge No. 315 F. & A. M. of Sparkill, N.Y. participated in the generation of a cover for the Bicentennial of the Inauguration of George Washington. The cachet depicts St. John's Lodge Bible, Bro. George Washington and identifies the George Washington Shrine at Tappan, a Masonic edifice. Consequently, one can deduce that this cover can belong in a Masonic cachet cover collection. If you agree, copies are available at a cost of \$2.50 each from Bro. Paul Malone, 34 Oak Tree Road, Tappan, N.Y. 10983.





## EMMETT KELLY

The Gambia included Bro. Emmett Kelly in its recent series depicting noted screen stars released in October 1988.



Emmett Kelly was born on Dec. 9, 1898, in Sedan, Kansas, and died March 28, 1979, in Sarasota, Florida. He worked as a cartoonist in Kansas City and in 1931 he joined the Hagenback Williams Circus. In 1933 he created his famous trademark "Weary Willie". He was with Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey from 1942 to 1956. His roles in the movies included "The Fat Man" in 1950 and Cecil B. DeMille's "The Greatest Show on Earth" in 1952.

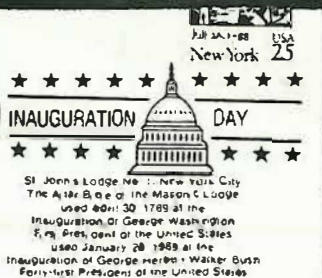
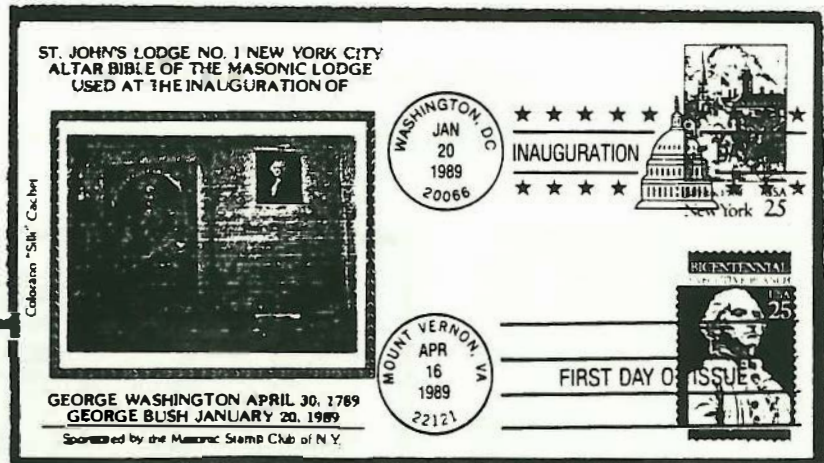
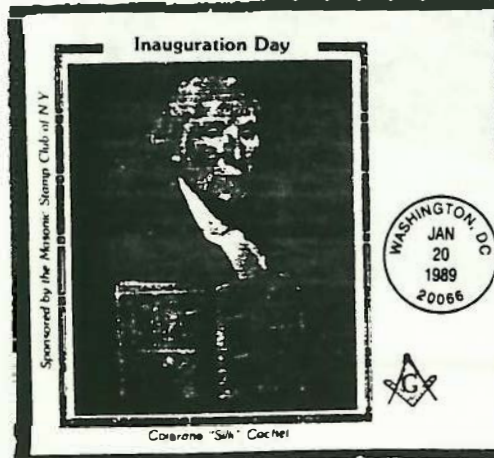
Bro. Kelly is stated as being a Mason but the details are not readily available. (Editor's note: I can recall seeing an article on Bro. Kelly's Masonic membership somewhere in my files but I can't seem to find it. If anyone can provide the data, it would be appreciated and will be published in a forthcoming newsletter.)

-Article and stamp submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln,  
Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio.

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### NEW MSC OF NY COVER

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York has prepared two covers for the Inauguration Day in January and use of the Altar Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, N.Y.C., during the first Inauguration as well as the most recent one.



Shown here, they are available at a cost of \$3.00 each from Bro. Nicholas Batalias, 27-05 Urban Place, Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410.

## WILLIAM "COUNT" BASIE

The set released by St. Vincent on April 3, 1989, as identified earlier in this newsletter included a souvenir sheet which pictures Count Basie.



William "Count" Basie was born in Red Bank, N.J., on August 21, 1904, and died in 1984. He appeared in vaudeville and in 1928 was playing piano for Walter Page's Blue Devils in Kansas City. He was also a member of Bennie Morton's band from 1929 to 1935 when he formed his own band. Some of the members of the band were vocalists Joe Williams and Jimmy Rushing, Buck Clayton and Harry Edison trumpets, J.J. Johnson trombone, Lester Young and Don Byas tenor sax, Jo Jones drums. His band was in several films starting in 1943. His theme song was "One O'Clock Jump". He also made many appearances on radio and television.

Bro. Basie was a member of ~~Medina Lodge No. 19 F. & A. M., New York,~~  
~~Prince Hall Affiliation.~~

*See next issue*

-Article and cover submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln

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## NEW GWMSC COVER

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued a cover for the new USPS \$2.40 Priority Mail stamp. Information on its cost and availability can be obtained from Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.





## GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII FORMED

As many of the members already know, a new Grand Lodge has been formed within the United States. A Convention was held on May 20, 1989, to elect officers and organize a Grand Lodge of Hawaii. The California Masonic Code and the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California were adopted. The Official Installation of Officers was held July 1, 1989, at the Honolulu Scottish Rite Cathedral. M.W. Stanley L. Channon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, installed William Kamalalawalu McKee, Jr., of Waikiki Lodge No. 774, as the first Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge.

Perhaps this august and sublime event will prompt the issuance of some Masonic cacheted covers.

-information provided by Bro. John M. Cunningham

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### MORE INFORMATION ON "BUFFALO BILL" CODY

A recent article provided by Bro. John Cunningham indicates that Bro. William F. Cody's Medal of Honor has been restored. "Buffalo Bill" received the medal in 1872 for his gallantry as an Army scout during the wars. In 1917 Congress retroactively tightened the rules for the honor and, among other changes, held that only enlisted men and officers could receive the award. The scouts were civilians and five of them lost their medals. In July of this year the Army reversed their former position in this case and restored his Medal of Honor. This is only the second of the 910 revocations which has been reversed - the other was Dr. Mary Walker, an Army surgeon during the Civil War.

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### SPECIAL CANCEL

A special cancel has been prepared for the "Anniversary Station" at Rocky Ford, CO 81067 on September 18, 1989. The design of this cancel includes the Masonic emblem. Does any member know the tie-in? Anyone wishing application of this cancel should send a stamped self addressed envelope, to be received prior to the date of use, to Postmaster, Rocky Ford, CO 81067-9998 and the outside of the sending envelope should be marked "Anniversary Station Cancel". Better results are obtained if a card stock stuffer is placed inside the SASE.



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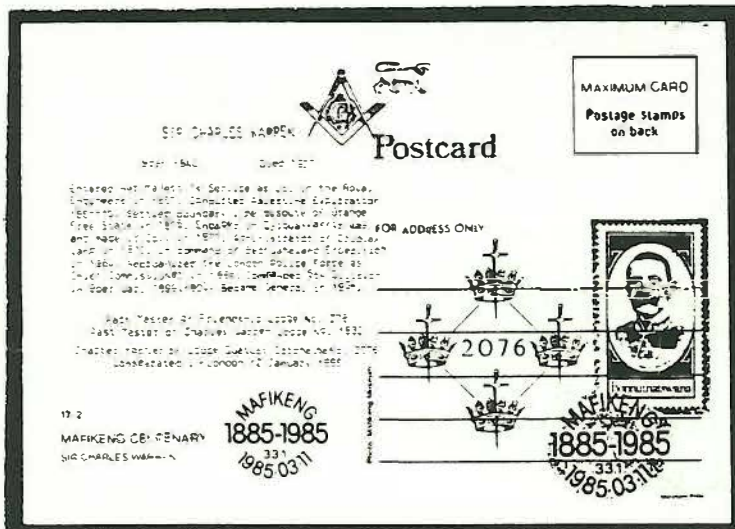
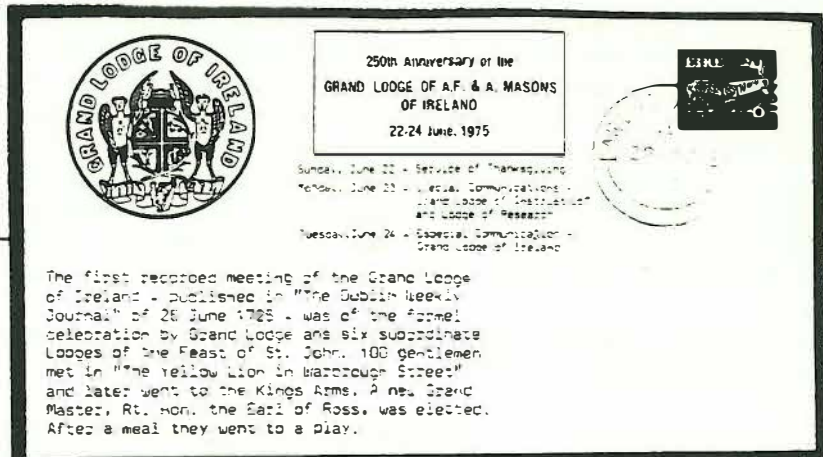
### TEMPLE STAMP CLUB COVERS

The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee is issuing two more Masonic cacheted covers this year. The first is a first day cover for the postal carrier stamp (designed by Jack Davis) to be issued on August 30, 1989. Because of the design of the stamp, the cachet contains a very compatible caricature of a postman delivering a special delivery piece of mail using a pogo-stick. The second cover is one for the 75th anniversary of Lake Park Chapter No. 202, O.E.S., on October 17, 1989. The cachet will be a five-color emblem of the OES using the current LOVE stamp because of the tenet of the star toward love.

Both covers are priced at \$1.25 each or 3 for \$3.50 (plus a SASE) and are available from Wayne E. Claflin, % Temple Stamp Club, The Scottish Rite Cathedral, 7690 North Van Euren St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

## NEW CUNNINGHAM COVERS

Bro. John M. Cunningham has issued two Masonic cacheted covers - both of the "add-on" variety. One was prepared to commemorate the observance of the 250th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in June 1975. These covers were canceled on Sunday, June 22, first day of the celebration.



The second is a Maximum Card for the Sir Charles Warren issue of Bophuthatswana of 1985. Information on the cost and availability of these covers can be obtained from Bro. Cunningham at USAAH Box 45, 3700 No. Capitol St, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.

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## MSU/ATA AT WORLD STAMP EXPO '89

As I mentioned some time ago, I accepted the open offer from World Stamp Expo '89 to the Units of the ATA to prepare an exhibit to promote our hobby at that show. We are one of twenty Units of the ATA who have exercised this option - others include the Americana Unit, Biblical Topics Study Unit, Fine Arts Philatelists, Medical Subjects Unit, Ships on Stamps Unit, Space Unit, Women on Stamps Unit, etc.

World Stamp Expo '89, an international stamp show, will be held Nov. 17-20 and Nov. 24-Dec. 3 at the Washington Convention Center in the nation's capitol. It promises to be a show of champions and will include exhibits from the royal collections of the Prince of Monaco and the Prince of Thurn and Taxis. Nine U.S. Champions of Champions winners will display as well as 15 Grand Prix Award winners with their renowned exhibits from around the world.

Let me describe our exhibit which will bask in the fame and notariety of its surrounding participants:

The first and last pages of the 16-page exhibit were prepared (from my input) by the show organizers to ensure commonality from one frame to the next. The first defined the content of the exhibit - Masonic Philately - and why the members find this area interesting.



The last page describes the Unit itself - its start, growth, services and contacts. That information was provided back in February. The central 14 pages were finally laid out and typed up after several iterations on the content as well as arrangement and sent in mid-August. The subject matter and items included are defined below; two representative pages are also shown.


- Page 2. U.S. Masons - Presidents -- George Washington & Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
- Page 3. U.S. Masons - Military -- Henry H. Arnold & Douglas MacArthur
- Page 4. United States Masons -- William F. Cody & Jerome D. Kern
- Page 5. Canada - Masons - Philippines -- John George Diefenbaker & Jose Rizal y Mercado
- Page 6. Foreign Masons - British Empire -- Joseph Rudyard Kipling & Richard John Seddon
- Page 7. Foreign Masons - Eurasia -- Jan Van Rijswijck/Xavier M. Nujean & Frederick Auguste Bartholdi
- Page 8. Foreign Masons - Latin America -- Juan Bautista Alberdi & Jose Julian Marti
- Page 9. U.S. Masonic First Day Cover -- Henry Clay
- Page 10. Foreign Masonic First Day Cover -- Maria Luigi Cherubini
- Page 11. U.S. Masonic Special Event Covers -- Tillamook Lodge No. 57 & Grand Lodge of Mass.
- Page 12. Foreign Masonic Special Event Covers -- Howard Lodge (G.B.) & G.L. of Philippines
- Page 13. Stamps for Masonic Anniversaries -- Stamps & Cover
- Page 14. Masonic Symbols on Stamps -- Stamps and Cover
- Page 15. Masonic Fancy Cancels - Cover with Charleston, N.H. 1868 cancel

**MASONIC PHILATELY**

FOREIGN MASONS - EURASIA

**JAN VAN RIJSWIJCK**

*Born Feb. 14, 1857, Antwerp  
died Feb. 29, 1904, Antwerp*



He lived in his birthplace, he also achieved a reputation as a journalist, a member of the municipal council of Antwerp for the Flemish Liberal Party, he became Burgomaster of this city in 1892.

Bro. van Rijswijck was a member of the Lodge "Les Elèves de l'Amis" in Antwerp, being initiated Feb. 8, 1877, passed and raised Nov. 20, 1892.

**XAVIER MARIE NUJEAN**


*Born Feb. 25, 1863, Liège  
died Oct. 6, 1904, Liège*

He was a lawyer and won himself a name as a politician; a member of the municipal council of Liège and a member of the Belgian Parliament for the Walloon Party. In 1903 he became Burgomaster of Liège.

Bro. Nujean was initiated in the Lodge "La Parfaite Intelligence" at Liège on Oct. 14, 1889.

**FREDERICK AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI**

*Born Apr. 2, 1834, Colmar, Alsace  
died Oct. 6, 1904, Paris*



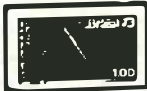
A noted French sculptor, he is best known for his magnificent work "The Statue of Liberty" which he completed on May 21, 1884. This 226 ton statue reaching 300 feet in the air at the entrance of New York Harbor was presented to the United States by France on Oct. 28, 1886.

Bro. Bartholdi was one of the early members of the Lodge Alsace Lorraine in Paris being initiated on Oct. 4, 1875. The Lodge was composed of prominent intellectuals, writers and government representatives and on June 15, 1886, this Lodge went in a body to preview the statue before its shipment to the United States.


**MASONIC PHILATELY**

STAMPS FOR MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES


Over the past two decades, more and more Masonic organizations - Grand Lodges, Grand Orients and individual Lodges - have had their anniversaries commemorated by the issuance of postage stamps. A few of the many examples are shown here:




Brazil - 1973



Belgium - 1962




Philippines - 1967




Netherlands Antilles - 1965

**150th ANNIVERSARY THE MASONIC LODGE MOUNT OLIVE S.C.**



**OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER**



## COVERS FROM IRELAND

Bro. Frank H. Elliott, Member No. 124, 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, No. Ireland, has forwarded some Masonic special event covers which he has prepared for events of note in his area. Information on the acquisition of these interesting and well done covers should be obtained from him at the address stated. Thank you for sharing them with us, Bro. Elliott.

THE ANTRIM LODGE  
OF  
INSTALLED MASTERS NO. 218



**Ballycastle**  
INSTALLATION OF

W. Bro. DESMOND J. McKEOWN B.A. Dip. Ed.  
5th WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
INSTALLING OFFICER

R. W. Bro. ALEXANDER McLERNON  
AT  
FREEMASONS HALL BALLYCASTLE  
30th. March 1989



OLD PORTORA  
MASONIC LODGE No. 859 (I.C.)



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INSTALLATION  
OF  
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W. Bro. T. D. B. STEVENSON  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

R. W. Bro. G. C. ANDREWS M.A.  
INSTALLING OFFICER


11th MARCH 1989



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R. A. Domingue


THE ANTRIM LODGE  
OF  
INSTALLED MASTERS No. 208



INSTALLATION  
OF

W. Bro. JOSEPH E. McKERNAN  
4th WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
INSTALLING OFFICER


R. W. Bro. GORDON WILSON  
AT  
FREE MASONS HALL, BALLYMENA  
6th APRIL 1988



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HOLYW. LOD  
COUNCIL OF KNIGHT MASONS  
No. 36




INSTALLATION  
OF

EX. SIR KNIGHT DEREK McALLISTER  
EXCELLENT CHIEF

V. EX. SIR KNIGHT W. J. KERNAGHAN

21st FEBRUARY 1989



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