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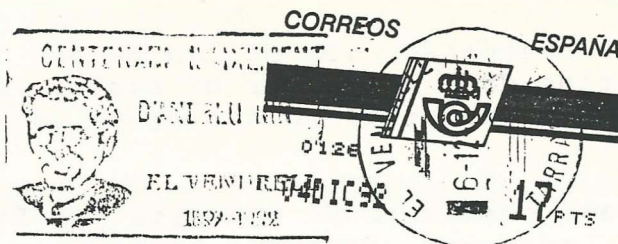
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WHOLE NO. 101

## ANDREU NIN

A special slogan cancel was authorized for use in December 1992 in Spain to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Andreu Nin. Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, member No. 243 of Barcelona, author of this article states that this cancel is quite rare - he has only seen five copies to date and it is impossible to buy a copy.



Andreu Nin, born in 1892, was a noted political writer and teacher in Spain. He started on his political path in 1912 when he affiliated with the Socialist Party. He travelled to USSR where he collaborated with Lenin in the organization of the III INTERNATIONAL. He was expelled from the Communist Party and returned to Spain in 1931. He was the founder of the P.O.U.M. (Worker Party of Marxist Unification) in 1932. In 1936, when the Civil War began, he was a Conseller of Justice in the Generalitat of Catalonia. He wrote for several reviews and magazines such as "L'horra", "Front" and "Catalonia People" during his lifetime. He was assassinated in 1938 in a political rivalry.

Bro. Andreu Nin was initiated on December 20, 1914, in Adelante Lodge ("Farther Off") with the symbolic name of "Pestalozzi". He was also a member of Humanity and Justice Lodges - all in Barcelona City. All of these Lodges were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Catalano-Balear.

Bro. Sabater clarifies the use of a symbolic name: In Spain, several years ago, it was necessary to have a symbolic name because of the great danger from the State. Consequently, all Masons had a symbolic name. Bro. Sabater's symbolic name when he was initiated 10 years ago was "Joan Impack". Now, he is happy to report, it is not necessary to carry a "secret name" and one can use his own name with no fear of persecution.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS

325. Steve Seltzer, 1051 Peterhoff St., Valley Stream, NY 11580  
337. Robert W. Gilbert, 113 S. Robeson St., Robeson, PA 19551  
338. Robert G. Kaiser, 4625 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona, WI 53716  
398. Edmun V. Ralph, 215 The Donwah West, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada M3P 3B5  
399. Stan Freestone, 5879 Primrose Dr., Nanaimo, B.C. Canada V9T 6B8

### ADDRESS CHANGES

126. John O. Welch, 928 Stephen Lane, La Grange, TX 78945 (This was not a real move but rather a USPS maneuver)  
324. Austin J. Bell, 5907 Signal Hill Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
423. Dale E. Kinley, P.O. Box 622, Sheridan, WY 82801 (This was an error by your Editor - in the previous issue I reported his old address as his new one. I have duly slapped my hand.)

### RESIGNED

164. F. van Geleuken, Gravenhage, Netherlands  
253. George Richardson, Masonic Home, Charleton, MA

### MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Bro. Earl England, member No. 155 of Van Meter, Iowa, and his wife received 50 year pins from the Order of Eastern Star and Bro. England also received his 50 year pin from his Blue Lodge. This is quite an achievement.

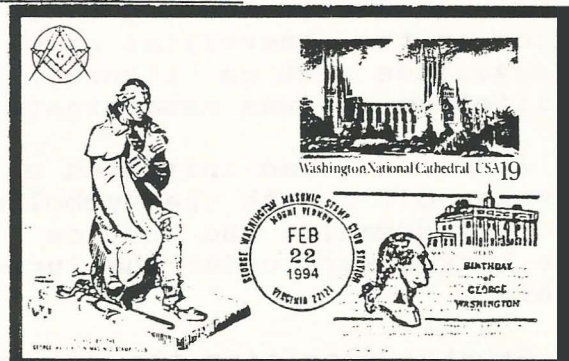
Your Editor has been commissioned to write the Bicentennial History of Washington Lodge, Lexington, MA. This Lodge, located in Roxbury, MA, until 1960, was the 13th Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Their Charter was signed by Most Wor. Paul Revere and the original Officers jewels were crafted by that patriot. It should be a very interesting assignment and I look forward to it. The actual Bicentennial year is 1996.

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### ANNUAL FEBRUARY 22 GWMSC COVER

The Annual George Washington Birthday cover issued by the GWMSC this year is a postal card. Shown here, it is available at a cost of \$1.00 (+ SASE) from:

Paul M. Williams  
2364 Beaver Valley Pike  
New Providence, PA 17560-9622



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The most recent issue of "EMESSAY NOTES" published by The Masonic Service Association of the U.S. cites that Herbert Hoover was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1931. This was one of the few, if not the only time, that the Legion of Honor was awarded to a non-Mason. His interest in youth and sponsoring of the "White House Conference of Child Health and Protection" earned him the award. Perhaps this could be the tie to include him in a Masonic Stamp Collection.



## NOTES AND REQUESTS FROM BRO. LONGENECKER

THE FIRST ROCKET AIRMAIL FLIGHT was made February 23, 1936, at Greenwood Lake, N.Y., in an eleven foot rocket with a fifteen foot wing spread powered by liquid oxygen and alcohol. The inventors - Willy Ley, Louis Goodman and Hugh Franklin Pierce - and the flight sponsor - Frido W. Kessler - were all non-Masons.

The rocket carried 4323 letters and 1826 post cards; each item was franked with special rocket stamps in addition to the regular postage stamps. Bro. Longenecker, being a collector of Masonic Space Covers and related items, would like to add a piece of this mail to his collection. If any member knows where he can purchase a cover or card or even just a photocopy thereof, it would be sincerely appreciated. The major significance of this event to Bro. Stan is that on that day in history - February 23, 1936 - he entered into this world and not by rocket flight.

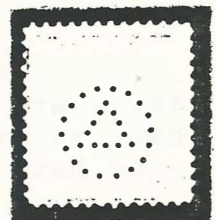
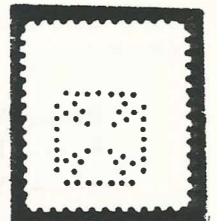
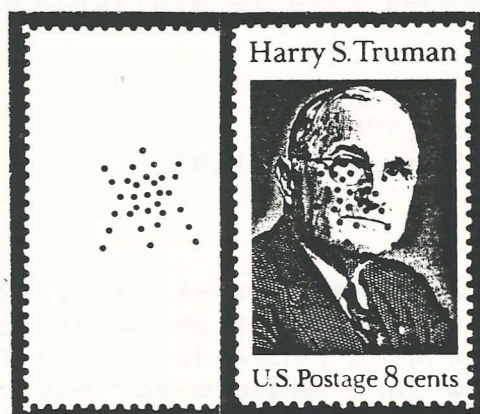
CANADIAN DESIGN-IT-YOURSELF POSTAGE STAMPS. Congratulations must be extended to the Canadian Post Office for producing such a great and popular postage stamp. 500,000 booklets were sold-out in one week. He hopes that our Canadian members bought some and thought to rubber stamp the Masonic Square and Compasses design in the blank center. This would result in the first Masonic stamp of that country. If each of you forgot, there will be another chance when the newly printed ones come out in June.

If anyone has such a D.I.Y. on cover and would like to trade it with Bro. Stan, he will offer 2 dozen different NATSCO Masonic covers in trade. Such a stamp or cover would certainly be an asset to a Masonic Stamp Collection.

MASONIC PERFINs. Every once in a while, one runs across perfin with a particular design or initials cut into a stamp. Every once in a while of those occurrences, one notices that the design is Masonic in nature. Bro. Stan has forwarded an example of the Masonic symbol on the Henry Knox stamp and the initials "G.W." on the 1938 one cent Washington stamp. These examples are shown here as well as three more examples found in your Editor's file that were submitted by Bro. Norm Lincoln. Bro. Ed Walsh, a noted cover producer of the 60s and 70s had a Masonic Perfin instrument as does Bro. John Cunningham. I believe Bro. George Wettach also possesses one of these devices - an interesting way of creating Masonic Awareness.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Bro. Otto Steding has provided the following Treasurer's Report for this past year.

Beginning Balance		\$2,052.28
Receipts:		
Dues	\$2,070.97	
Interest	<u>31.63</u>	
TOTAL		\$2,102.60
Available Cash		\$4,154.88
Expenses:		
Printing Newsletter	\$ 994.98	
Postage - Newsletter	1,238.50	
Envelopes - Newsletter	130.00	
Subscription to Linn's	33.00	
Secretary Expense	<u>87.40</u>	
TOTAL		\$2,483.88
Ending Balance, Cash on Hand		\$1,671.00

The expenditures continue to overpower the income but I believe that part of that results from multiple year pre-payments. I also don't help by permitting Newsletters to be mailed for one or two issues after expiration date in hopes of retaining the membership. Our recent increase in dues should help and we will have to evaluate the upcoming postal rate increase to see if there is a measurable impact. (Perhaps we should call ourselves junk mail and get a subsidy for being delivered. Unfortunately, we don't have the quantity to warrant "Bulk Mailing" consideration.)

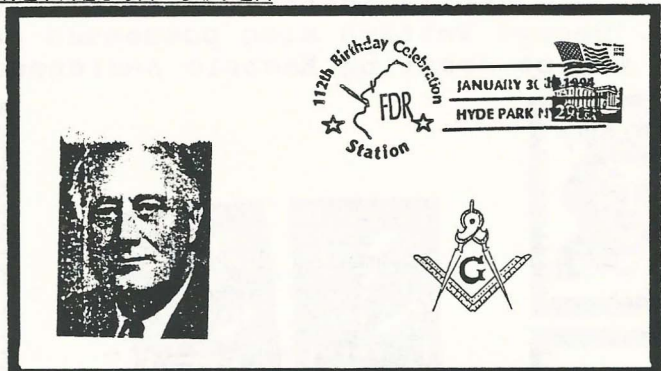
One member has suggested that we solicit a small donation from each member, on the order of \$2.00, which would bolster the treasury but would not hurt any one individual. I don't see the need for anything of that nature now - we will see how well we hold our own over this next year.

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### BRO. ROSS WETREICH COVER

The cover shown here is available from:

Ross Wetreich  
P.O. Box 1300  
Valley Stream, NY 11582



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There are still several memberships which expire in April 1994 that have not yet been renewed. If you fall in this category, please remit - we hate to lose members for any reason. Thank you.

## ELECTION RESULTS

It is with pleasure that I announce the new Officers for the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association for the next two years. It is fully realized that these positions could be titular in nature only but there is a real opportunity to made a difference. Ours is a small Unit but we have a lot to offer. There is a vast storehouse of information in the world on Freemasonry and much that is applicable to our hobby has yet to be uncovered or related to our topic. We must spread the word of our activities and organization throughout the Masonic Fraternity. The Editor cannot do it alone. The President and Vice-President and the appointed officers can make a difference. We are and should be proud of our Newsletter but it must be distributed further - to more Masonic Philatelists or to Masons to convince them to become Masonic Philatelists. Who knows, perhaps we might induce a Philatelist to become a Mason.

Back to the issue at hand. The elected officers for the 1994-1996 term are:

### PRESIDENT

Bro. Norman Lincoln  
Member No. 12      P.O. Box 454  
Eaton, OH 45320

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Bro. John O. Welch  
Member No. 126      928 Stephen Lane  
La Grange, TX 78945

### SECRETARY-TREASURER

Bro. Otto Steding  
Member No. 45      1033 Hollytree Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45231

As Editor, I wish to lead the Unit in congratulating Bro. Norm Lincoln on his selection as President. Bro. Norm has been a valuable contributor to our Newsletter over the years and is widely known as an emminent Masonic Researcher. He has been published in many Masonic periodicals and is presently very actively engaged in activities of the Ohio Lodge of Research. He is an extremely busy Mason but should serve us well in this position. We look forward to his appointments and I am sure that any volunteers would be welcome. He definately wants to hear of any ideas the members may have on increasing membership and exposure.



Bro. Welch has been a valuable contributor over the years and should provide a strong back-up to Bro. Lincoln.

Bro. Steding has been the Secretary-Treasurer since the re-formation of the Unit in 1977 under the Editorship of Bro. Walter Kirby. He has been a steady influence providing excellent continuity. We thank you for continuing in this vital position, Bro. Otto.

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Membership:    \$8.00 per year - North America  
                  \$14.00 per year - all other areas



## MASONIC STAMPS AND COVERS AVAILABLE

Your Editor was able to get a small quantity of FDCs for the Antigua & Barbuda Masonic issue of 1993. These covers are available to Unit members at a cost of \$1.50 each - plus SASE or postage. There is still a supply of the four stamp set left - at a cost of 75 cents for the set of four - plus SASE or postage.



There is also a supply of the Barbados and Jamaica Masonic sets available as offered some time ago. Each set consists of four stamps. The cost of the Barbados set is \$2.75, the Jamaica set is \$1.75 - plus a SASE or postage please. Order these from your Editor - address is on the masthead.

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## MASONIC PINS AVAILABLE

Recently Bro. Jean Prouteau sent in a copy of the Club pin offered by Le Club Philatelique Jean-Theophile Desaguliers. A photocopy (poor as it may be) is shown here. Rectangular in shape it bears the Club name and the Masonic Square and compasses. The background is red, the border and lettering are gold and blue and white are used in the Emblem. The cost of the pin is \$3.00, postpaid, and can be obtained from Bro. Jean Prouteau, 1 Rue Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France.



The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club also has a pin available at the same price (postage extra) available from the cover chairman - Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560. Unfortunately this pin did not copy well on the Xerox. It is circular in design with the Club lettering in gold around the circumference with a design of George Washington at prayer, the logo of the Club, in gold on a black background. A Masonic Square and Compasses is included in the design.

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## TREVOR FRAY'S PART 6

Bro. Trevor Fray's latest supplement - Part 6 in the series - has been released and a limited number of copies are still available from him. It includes additional cases found since the publication of the first five volumes as well as Profession and Country checklists. Stamps issued to commemorate Masonic Events are shown and a checklist is provided for stamps with a direct reference to Freemasonry. The cost of the booklet is 5 Pounds (about \$7.50 U.S. at the current rate) and Trevor's address is: 76 Merrivale Rd., Beacon Park, Plymouth PL2 2RP, England.

## LUDWIG LEICHHARDT

Bro. William C. Eurich, member No. 86 of Rockwood, Maine, answered the plea in the previous newsletter for information on Bro. Ludwig Leichhardt, the Australian explorer noted on the Australian stamp shown here. Many thanks, Bro. Eurich.



Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig Leichhardt (1813-1848), born in Prussia, was a German explorer in Australia. He went to New South Wales in 1841 and began geological investigations. He crossed the Australian Continent from Moreton Bay to Fort Essington in 1844-45 and described this expedition in a journal in 1847. He attempted an expedition across the continent from east to west but disappeared on the Cogoon River without a trace on April 4, 1848.

As stated in the previous newsletter, Bro. Leichhardt's Masonic affiliation is based on a statement by the historian of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 3 (U.G.L.Q.) that Allan Cunningham together with Logan and the explorers Leichhardt, Mitchell, Kennedy and Gregory were Freemasons. This statement is not further documented so is subject to some controversy.

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## AUSTRIAN MASONIC COVER

The Phila-Masonica-Club Quatuor Coronati Wein has issued a Masonic cacheted cover to commemorate the Consecration of the Lodge Hippokrates on October 30, 1993.

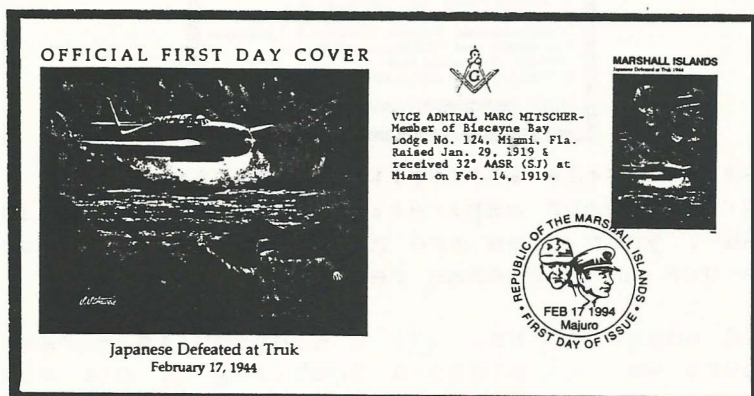
This is Cover No. 15 in their series and is available at a cost of \$3.00, postpaid, from:

Dr. Herbert Schmid  
Hackenberggasse 29/33/3  
A-1190 Wein (Vienna)  
Austria.



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## BRO. ROSS WETREICH COVER



Another Masonic cover  
available from

Ross Wetreich  
P.O. Box 1300  
Valley Stream, NY 11582

## ROY CLAXTON ACUFF

Roy Acuff - "The King of Country Music" - was born September 15, 1903, in Maynardsville, Tenn. He played semi-pro baseball and formed a group known as the Smoky Mountain Boys. Soon they were being broadcast over WNOX radio in Knoxville and making records. Roy cut 316 sides and sold more than thirty million records. During the 1940s he became a star of the Grand Ole Opry where he appeared for more than fifty years. He acted in eight movies. Among his favorite hits are "Wabash Cannon Ball", "Great Speckle Bird", "Night Train to Memphis" and "I Heard a Silver Trumpet". In 1962 he was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame. On November 23, 1992, he died leaving behind a rich legacy of well-loved music.

Bro. Roy Acuff was raised on February 21, 1944, in East Nashville Lodge No. 560. Other members of that Lodge included "Smokey Mountain Boys" Beecher Kirby, Howdy Forrester, Tommy Jackson, Odis Rhodes and Lonnie Wilson. Roy belonged to the York Rite: Edward G. Corbitt Chapter No. 147, R.A.M., Nashville Council No. 1, R. & S.M., and Nashville Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. He was a 33rd degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and a member of Al Menah Shrine AAONMS.

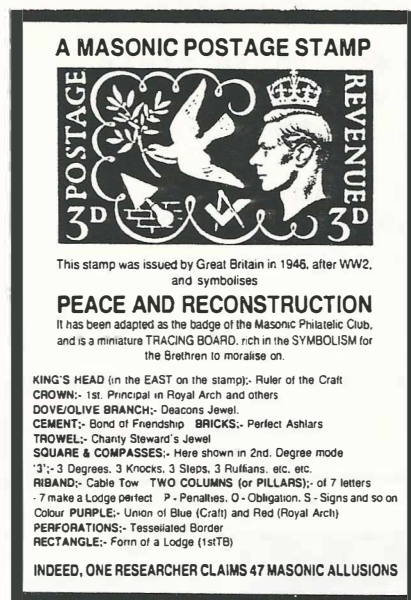
St. Vincent honored Bro. Acuff with a set of three stamps issued on January 17, 1994.

-article submitted by our new President, Bro. Norm Lincoln,  
member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio

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## BRITISH MASONIC STAMP

The card shown here was recently received recalling the fact that this issue of 1946 can probably be termed as one of the earliest Masonic postage stamps.



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Brethren (and ladies): please note your expiration date on the mailing label. If it starts with a "94", your dues are due this year. If your date is "9404", your dues are due now. Please remit.

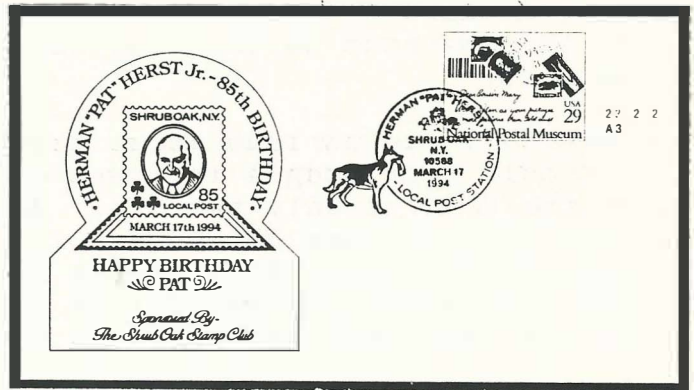
Also, let's go back to the old adage of Bro. Nick Koutroulis - "every member get a member" - I am sure we can stand a doubling of our size.



## BRO. PAT HEARST COVER

Bro. Norm Lincoln has forwarded a copy of a cover published by the Shrub Oak Stamp Club to salute Bro. Pat Hearst on March 17, 1994, - his 85th Birthday. The cover, shown here, is available from the Club at P.O. Box 616, Shrub Oak, NY 10588 at a cost of \$2.00 each.

Pat was born in Oregon on March 17, 1909, and from early childhood on, was known as "Pat" as his birthday coincided with the Feast of St. Patrick.



After completing his education at Reed College in Portland he taught school for a while in a small town, became a seaman on a freighter and then became a newspaper reporter. He made his way to the East Coast with only a few dollars in savings and jobs were hard to find. After quite a few disappointments, he found employment on Wall Street as a runner making \$12 per week. Several years later he was promoted to cashier at the magnificent sum of \$24 a week.

During this time he became interested in stamp collecting and Nassau Street, the heart of philately at the time, became his second home. It wasn't long before he broadened his horizons from collecting and became a dealer. Since then, over 60 years, he has done more for philately than any other living person. His countless articles, 15 books and personal appearances all over the world have reached millions of collectors.

Pat's  
berships, he prizes that of being a Mason of King Solomon-Beethoven Lodge No. 232 of New York City. He is a member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and regularly attended their meetings when he was living in the New York area. He currently resides in Florida.

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## COVER FOR GRAND LODGE OF DENMARK

A special Masonic cacheted cover was advertised in a recent issue of the magazine of The (Masonic) Philatelic Club of Great Britain. This cover, commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Denmark is very well done and would be an asset to a Masonic stamp collection. It is available at a cost of \$4.00, post-paid, from:

Bro. Jack Shaw  
7 Heatherly Drive  
Redbridge  
Essex IG5 0JF  
Great Britain.



## MASONIC COLLECTION VARIATIONS

Bro. Richard O. Wright, member No. 139 of Lodi, CA., writes to tell us of some methods he is using to enhance his collection - actually three methods:

"First, I was curious about other Lodges with the same name as my own - "Lodi" - or Lodges in towns called Lodi. I discovered seven Lodi's in the USA but only two other Masonic Lodges in those towns. One is Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 F. & A.M. in Lodi, Wisconsin. The other, Harrisville Lodge No. 137 F. & A.M. in Lodi, Ohio. I obtained addresses and both were very helpful in not only sending a Lodge Cover but also having them hand cancelled in the respective Lodi's.

"My other two pursuits are looking for Lodges with the number "256" (mine) and lastly obtaining covers from the numerous symbolically named Lodges, i.e., Tuscan, Doric, Charity, etc. Obtaining the covers is relatively inexpensive but very time consuming. Many rewards, however, have been found to supplement my Masonic collection of Lapel pins and commemorative coins.

"Should any of the members wish to pursue this idea, I would suggest the following:

1. Get a current "List of Lodges" from your Grand Lodge.
2. Research each state to determine which Lodges are of interest to you.
3. Masonic Protocol requires you to send your list (should be in letter form) to your Grand Lodge and ask them to send it to the selected Grand Lodge.
4. When the mailing addresses are furnished to you of the constituent Lodges you can then write directly to them. I always send loose postage for their response.
5. Prepare for the following reactions:
  - A. Nice letters and notes and your request answered - some very lengthy.
  - B. Your request answered but no correspondence.
  - C. Your request answered but no envelopes available (keep looking and writing).
  - D. No response.

Happy hunting!!!

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As another variation to the above approaches, some years ago I embarked upon an effort to gather postmarks from Post Offices with Masonically Symbolic names. The ZIP code directory book was the source and simple letters with a SASE were sent to each. The response was gratifying and a sizeable collection was formed. Unfortunately, I haven't had any opportunity to do anything with them so they remain a project for my retirement - if and when that ever happens.

## COVERS FROM OLIVE BRANCH LODGE

In a previous newsletter a special cancellation used by/for Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 of Freehold NJ was illustrated. Recently we have learned of specially prepared Masonic cacheted covers which were cancelled with this slogan device. There are four basic designs, each of which is shown here.

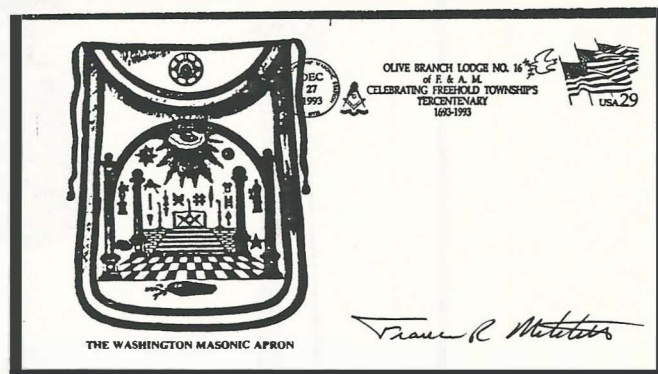
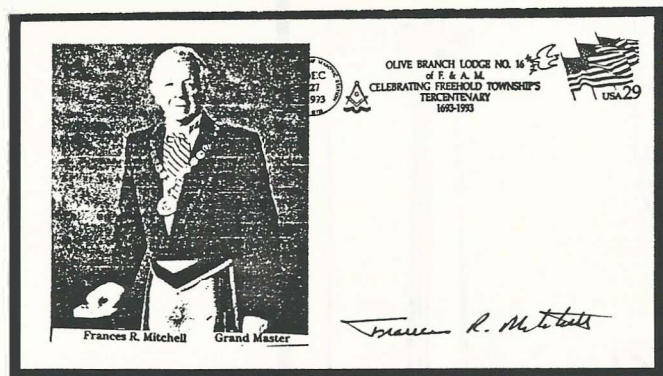
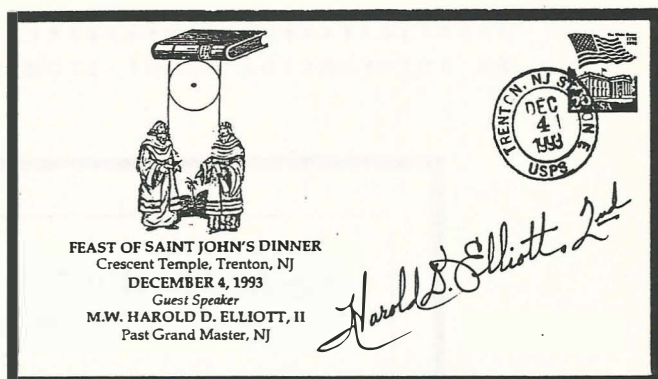
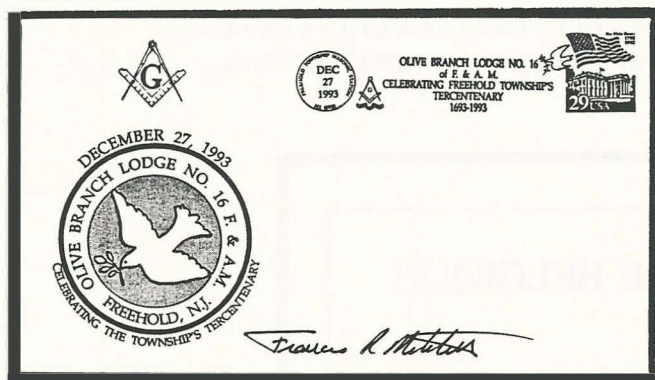
The basic Lodge emblem is available for \$3.00 unsigned or \$5.00 signed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The autographed cover illustrating the Grand Master costs \$5.00.

The Washington Masonic Apron cover signed by the G. M. is \$5.00.

The Feast of St. John's Dinner signed by the Guest Speaker is \$5.00.

All are available from M. Richard McKenian, 711 5th Street, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.



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Now that Bro. Don Wilder has moved to Florida from Maine and has his feet up on a table resting, he has found plenty of time to compile a detailed index of the 17 Volumes of "The Philatelic Freemason". He has tabulated not only the names of the Masons cited but also all other significant categories and topics such as symbols and oddities.

Should you wish a copy of this index, I would recommend that you contact Bro. Don directly and "barter" with him. Even though he may have left "Yankee Land", I am sure he can still develop a good "Yankee Swap". His new address is 11682 SW 79th Circle, Ocala FL 34476.



## ITALIAN MSC COVER

Club Filatelico Internazionale Di Tematica Massonica - the Masonic Stamp Club of Italy - has issued a very attractive cover to commemorate their 25th Anniversary. Shown here, it is available at a cost of \$5.00, postpaid, from:

Mrs. Dina Ricci  
Club Filatelico Internazionale  
D.T.M.  
Casella Postale 39  
I-48022 Lugo (Ra)  
Italy



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An interesting sheet from your Editor's collection.



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