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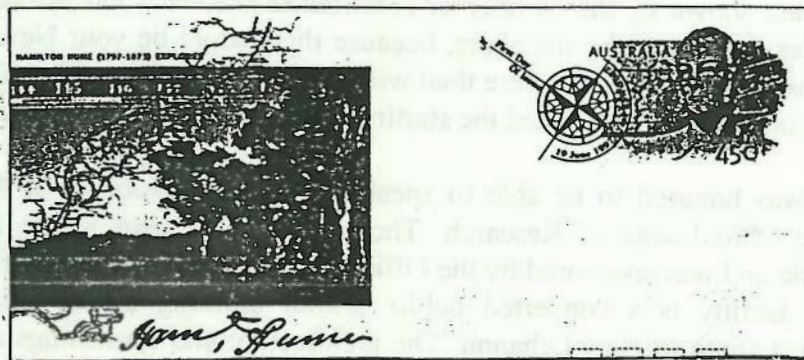
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WHOLE NO. 120

HAMILTON HUME

The Australian Post Bulletin recently announced a stamped envelope issued on June 19, 1997, to honor Hamilton Hume on the bicentennial of his birth.



Born on June 19, 1797, near Parramatta, NSW, Hamilton Hume made his first expedition at the age of seventeen with his younger brother John and an Aboriginal boy. They reached the Berrima-Bong Bong district. Over the next two years he made two more successful journeys to the same district and penetrated as far as the Bungonia. He became well known for his journeys and discoveries of the 1820s and in 1828 joined Sturt's expedition into the interior reaching the Darling River. He was the first Australian-born explorer; his intimate knowledge of the bush and of Aboriginal customs and languages were key elements in his success. His work as an explorer was done by the time he was 31.

In 1860 Hamilton Hume was elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He became a magistrate and attended to his duties in Yass almost to the day he died - April 19, 1873.

Bro. Hume was initiated into Leinseter Marine Lodge No. 260, Irish Constitution, (Later to become No. 2 in the U.G.L.) on September 12, 1825, and was passed the same day. He was raised on December 12, 1825.

-article contributed by Bro. Erhard Sternole, Member No. 258
of Victoria, Australia

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

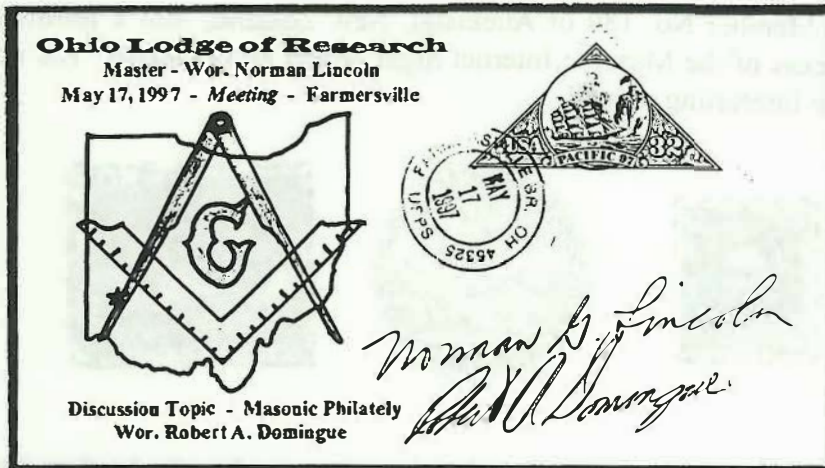
This has been a very quiet two-month period from a members' correspondence standpoint; a fact shown by the number of contributed articles. I am not bashful about soliciting articles from you, the members, because this should be your Newsletter - not what I think you should read. I am more than willing to edit, amplify and enhance articles for purposes of publication, but I need the starting points. Let's hear from more of you.

On May 17 I was honored to be able to speak on Masonic Philately at the quarterly meeting of the Ohio Lodge of Research. The meeting was held in the Farmersville Masonic Temple and was sponsored by the Officers and Members of Farmersville Lodge No. 482. The facility is a converted public school building in the small town of Farmersville, just south of New Lebanon. The architecture and furnishings are beautiful and fascinating.

After Opening of the Lodge by the Officers of Farmersville Lodge No. 482, Wor. Norman Lincoln assumed the East, conducted a short business meeting, called for a paper on Bro. Jonathan Dayton by one of the Lodge of Research members and then introduced my talk. The slide-illustrated lecture covered all aspects of Masonic Philately and emphasized pertinent issues for Ohio Freemasons and Lodges. It appeared to be well received and we all partook of a wonderful roast beef dinner after the meeting in the banquet hall. Bro. Norman had brought along several album covers and reference books to show the attendees some "live examples" as contrasted to the slides - they were on display after the meeting. I also prepared a cover for the occasion (shown on the next page) which proved to be quite popular. Of 64 prepared, I only ended up with about ten left over; Bro. Norm and I were called upon to autograph several of them.

It was not only an honor to speak before that group but also to be able to meet Bro. Norman Lincoln - our Unit President. I thank you, Bro. Norm, for the invitation. I would be willing to repeat the event for any other worthy groups (within some reasonable travel constraints) should the desire be present. If there is any interest, initiate the contact and we will work out the details.

COVER FOR OHIO LODGE OF RESEARCH TALK



SCIPIO LODGE #110 POST CARD/CANCEL

In the previous issue of the Newsletter, it was announced that Scipio Lodge #110 of Aurora, NY, was offering a postal card of their Lodge Building cancelled with their specially prepared Bicentennial cancel. The 5 X 7 postal card is illustrated here as well as the legend on the stamp side; the cancel was shown in the previous newsletter. The cards are available at a cost of \$2.00 each, postpaid, from the Lodge Secretary, Stephen L. Zabriskie, Scipio Lodge #110, P.O. Box 119, Aurora, NY 13026.



The cornerstone for this Federal style building was laid in 1819 by DeWitt Clinton, Governor and Grand Master of Masons in the State. Scipio Lodge #110 (now #1109) received its organizational charter from Grand Master Reuben R. Livingston, signed on March 22, 1797. This building has served the Lodge since 1820. "A fine capsule of the early 19th century. The building and its annexes, virtually unchanged since 1820, preserve the history of the area and its people. It is an architectural and cultural example of what it means to live in a historic environment in a place New York in the years following the American Revolution." "Encouraged and enabled from an article by Barbara Frenson, National Light Magazine, Feb 1989."

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UNUSUAL POSTAGE FROM AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Bro. Vic Fabian, Member No. 189 of Auckland, New Zealand, sent a follow-up letter telling of the success of the Masonic Internet night which he organized. The cover was franked with some interesting stamps.



In his words: "On the envelope you will notice some unique New Zealanders. From right to left: The 50 cent stamp shows the volcano that erupted last year. Video footage of this spectacular eruption was shown all over the world. This stamp pictures the volcano in its peaceful mood. There was a stamp produced that did capture the eruption but unfortunately, that stamp has a nominal value of \$10 which is far too expensive for everyday usage. The next shows our country's symbol, the Kiwi. It has become a very popular stamp and is the value to send a postcard anywhere in the world. The next is another Kiwi, it is me."

Thank you, Bro. Fabian, quite clever.

RUSSELL G. FRAZIER

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Russell G. Frazier was the physician and surgeon who accompanied Admiral Byrd on his third Antarctic Expedition, 1939-41, and can be associated with the Oct. 9, 1933, United States issue for that expedition.

Born on July 5, 1893, in Fraziers Bottom, W. Va., Dr. Frazier received his M.D. from the University of Louisville. He became the mine surgeon of the Utah Copper Co. in 1921. From 1933 to 1938 he was member of several expeditions in Utah and Colorado.

Bro. Frazier was a member of Canyon Lodge No. 13 of Bingham Canyon, Utah, having been entered on August 17, passed on September 14 and raised on September 21, 1914.



NEW ISSUES

The new Chilean issue for the Interamerican Masonic Confederation shown in the previous Newsletter may prove to be a very illusive issue. Linn's finally announced its issue a few weeks ago but only stated that a single 250p stamp was released - no mention whatever of the Souvenir Sheet. It was stated that it was printed in sheets of 30 with a printing of 100,000 (stamps or sheets?). Attempts by your Editor to locate copies of this stamp have been fruitless so far. Telephone calls to County Stamp Center (P.O. Box 3373, Annapolis, MD 21403) have resulted in the statement that they have not yet been received but will be in their July list. Tribune Stamp Co. (P.O. Box 400, Hewlett, NY 11557) has not yet received it; nor have several other houses, including some Chile specialists - one advised me that the low printing may restrict availability. I will continue to try to get some copies but advise those who want the issue to search high and low. I will advise if I am successful.

Other recent new issues are:

March 7 - Venezuela - 14 regular issues picturing Simon Bolivar.

April 8 - Bangladesh - 100th Anniversary of the Death of Heinrich von Stephan, 1 Value

April 12 - Egypt - 100th Death Anniversary of Heinrich von Stephan, 1 Value

May 5 - Cyprus - Europa/Tales and Legends - 2 Values, one pictures a scythe

FOR SALE and WANTED

The following "want ad" items have been provided to the Unit by members serching for items for their collections or trying to divest themselves of items no longer part of their collecting interests.

1. Bro. David Power, Member No.88 of Danvers, MA, is trying to sell a collection of 639 Masonic Cacheted Covers contained in Nu-Ace binders. Very strong in MSC of NY and GWMSC releases, the collection also includes some published by MSU/ATA, Ed Walsh, Denver MSC and NATSCO. There are no more than one or two duplicates. He s asking \$1100 for the collection - contact the Editor if you are interested.

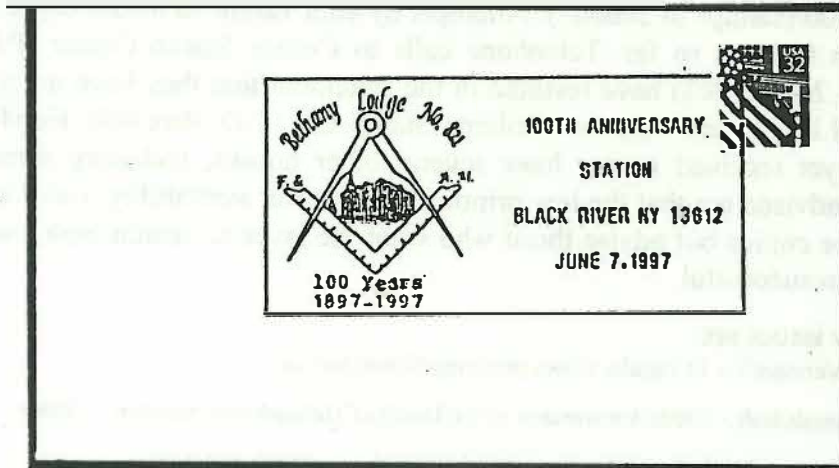
2. Bro. Stan Longenecker, Member No. 92, wishes to part with his Masonic Post Card collection - to concentrate on other interests. He estimates that his 1000 cards would retail at about \$5000 but he would be willing to accept considerably less. All interested parties should contact him at 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552

3. Your Editor still maintains a sizeable stock of Masonic Cacheted Covers - First Day Covers and Special Events. Interested individuals should send for a price list.

4. Bro. Stephen J. Kapp, Member No. 355, is still looking for the Honduras four value Masonic Grand Lodge overprint set of 1972. He is willing to purchase or trade from many issues he has. Contact him at P.S.C. 76 Box 8285, APO AP 96319-8285 USA.

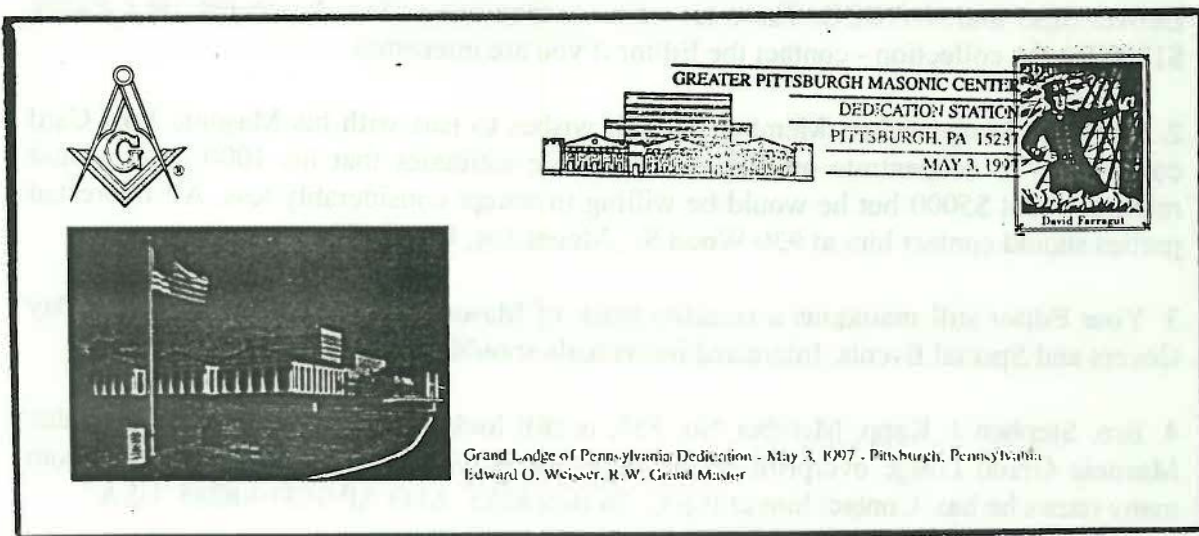
BETHANY LODGE # 821 CANCEL

A special cancel was prepared for the 100th Anniversary of Bethany Lodge No. 821, Black River, NY, observed on June 7, 1997. Shown here, it was announced in the Postmarks column in Linn's and was available until July 7. Unfortunately, there was no cacheted cover prepared by the Lodge or any of its members.



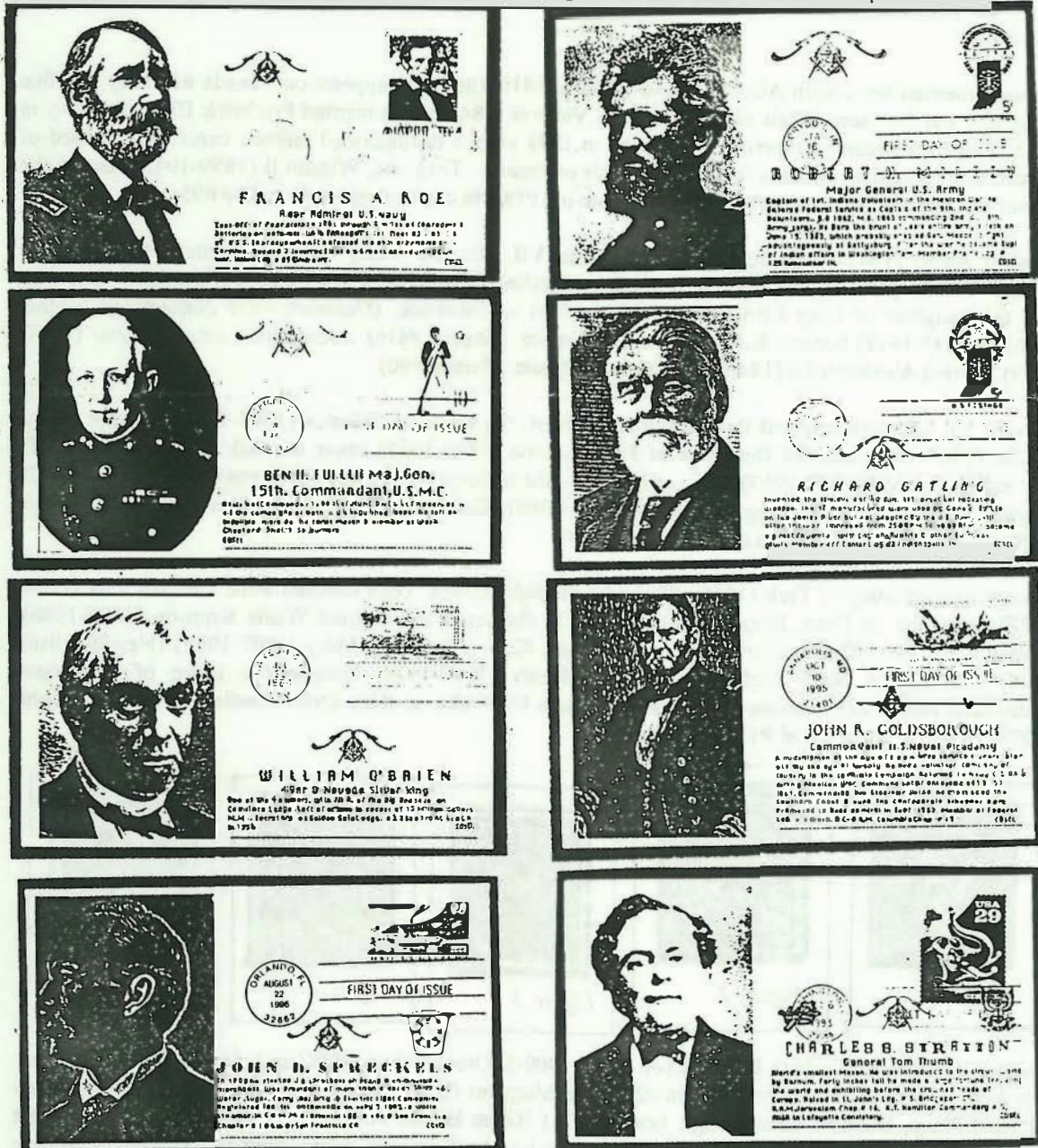
GREATER PITTSBURGH MASONIC CENTER - CANCEL

A special cancel was prepared for the dedication of the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on May 3, 1997. It also was announced in Linn's and could be obtained by sending SASEs until June 3. In this case, however, there was a cacheted cover prepared for the event. The cachet presents a picture of the Center and on the back of the envelope are listed the leaders involved in the construction of the building. The committee prepared 26 different frankings on this #10 size cover and offer them at \$5.00 each. The stamps used are ones from the Civil War sheet, the Carousel series and the recent trisngles. Place orders with: Winthrop W. Laird, Building Manager, Masonic Fund Society, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.



EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

One of the most important aspects of the various covers produced by Bro. Edsel Hatfield, (P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042) is his ability to bring to the hobby names of noted Masons who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. We all recognize how few Masons are pictured on stamps. Further, there are only a limited number of those who can be associated with other stamps - and there is always the research to properly document each. Bro. Edsel delves very deeply into Masonic research to bring us informative, well-documented cases. His research literally takes him far and wide. As we observe these recent releases from his "presses" note the diversity of the Masons honored and consider the research which had to go into each. Thank You, Bro. Edsel.



VICTORIA'S LEGACY

This article, written by our Unit President, Bro. Norman Lincoln, appeared in the March-April 1997 issue of "The Circuit" - the Official Journal of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors. Many of the individuals identified were Masons or Protectors of the Craft.

The first postage stamp, Great Britain's Penny Black, pictured Queen Victoria (1819-1901). The early stamps of many countries depicted a nation's ruler or coat of arms. Royalty tend to marry royalty so many of Victoria's descendants are also found on stamps.

Victoria's uncle Ernest Augustus, the Duke of Cumberland (1771-1851) had a son who became George V, the last King of Hanover. He was Victoria's first cousin. George lived from 1819-1878. His reign began in 1851 and ended in 1866 when Hanover was absorbed by Prussia. George V is found on Hanover #19 (*Figure 1*).

Victoria married her cousin Albert of Saxe-Coburg (1819-1861); he appears on Canada #2. They had five daughters and four sons. Their oldest daughter Victoria (1840-1901) married Frederick III of Germany in 1858. Frederick became Emperor of Germany in 1888 after a distinguished military career but he died of cancer at the age of 57 within a few months of his coronation. Their son, William II (1859-1941) became the Kaiser of Germany. He was compelled to abdicate in 1918. He can be seen on Germany #95.

Edward Albert (1841-1910) became King Edward VII. His first stamp as reigning monarch was Great Britain #127 (*Figure 2*). He married Alexandria Caroline (1844-1925), seen on Newfoundland #83, who was the daughter of King Christian IX (1818-1906) of Denmark. (Denmark #65) Alexandria's brother William (1845-1913) became King George I of Greece. (Greece #416). Alexandria's sister Dagmar (1847-1928) married Alexander III (1845-1894) Czar of Russia. (Russia #90).

Edward VII had two sons and three daughters. Albert, the Duke of Clarence (1864-1892), did not marry. Louise (1867-1931) married the Duke of Fife. Victoria (1868-1935) never married. Maude (1869-1938) married Haakon VII (1872-1957), King of Norway. She is found on Norway #B11 and he is on Norway #72 (*Figure 3*). Their son was King Olaf V (Norway #360). George (1865-1936) became King George V in 1910 and appears on Great Britain #151. (*Figure 4*)

George married Mary of Teck (1868-1953) - Newfoundland #84. Their children were: Edward VIII (1894-1972) appearing on Great Britain #230 (*Figure 5*) abdicated and married Wallis Simpson (1896-1986); George VI (1895-1952) appearing on Great Britain #235 (*Figure 6*); Mary (1897-1965) (Newfoundland #108) married the Sixth Earl of Harewood; Henry (1900-1974) became the Duke of Gloucester (Newfoundland #109); George (1902-1942) became the Duke of Kent (Newfoundland #110); and John (1905-1919) (Newfoundland #111) died early.



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Figure 2



Figure 3

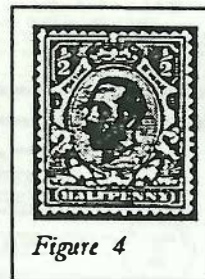


Figure 4



Figure 5

George VI married Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (born 1900-) (Great Britain #234) and they had two daughters: Elizabeth II, born in 1926 (Great Britain #292) and Margaret Rose, born in 1930 (Canada #246). Elizabeth's husband Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, born in 1921 (Great Britain #683 - *Figure 7*) is also a great-great grandson of Queen Victoria. Their children are Charles, the Prince of Wales, born in 1948 (Great Britain

#599 - *Figure 8*), Anne, born in 1950 (Great Britain #707); Andrew, born in 1960 (Great Britain #1154) and Edward, born in 1964.

Victoria's second daughter Alice (1843-1878) married Grand Duke Louis IV of Hesse (1837-1892). Their daughter Alexandria (1872-1918) married Nicholas II (1868-1918) who was the last Czar of Russia (Russia #92 - *Figure 9*). They were killed along with all their children by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Alice's daughter Victoria (1863-1950) married Louis of Battenberg (1854-1921) who was the First Marquis of Milford-Haven. Their daughter Alice (1885-1967) married Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark (1882-1944). They were Prince Philip's parents. Mountbatten is the English form of the German Brattenberg.



Figure 6



Figure 9



Figure 10

Victoria's second son Alfred (1844-1900) became the Duke of Edinburgh and married Marie of Russia. He was offered the throne of Greece but was not permitted to accept. Their daughter Marie (Romania #268) married Ferdinand King of Romania (1866-1927) seen on Romania #248 (*Figure 10*). Ferdinand's niece Sugusta Victoria married King Manoel II of Portugal (Portugal #156 - *Figure 11*). He was forced to abdicate in 1910 and died in 1952. Ferdinand's grandson Michael (Romania #320 and #506) and son Carol II (Romania #369) ruled Romania from 1927 to 1947. Ferdinand's daughter Marie married Alexander I, King of Yugoslavia from 1921-1934 (Yugoslavia #1 - *Figure 12*). Their son Peter II who was born in 1923 was King until 1945. (Yugoslavia #116)

Victoria's third and fourth daughters Helena (1846-1923) and Louise (1848-1939) did not marry reigning kings so are not found on stamps.

Arthur, Victoria's third son, became the Duke of Connaught and married Louisa of Prussia. He lived from 1850-1942 and is found on Newfoundland #113. His daughter Margaret who died in 1920 married Gustavus VI Adolphus, King of Sweden (1882-1973) (Sweden #456 - *Figure 13*). The current King of Sweden is Karl XVI Gustaf (Sweden #1068). Gustavus' daughter Ingrid (Denmark #B28) married King Frederick IX of Denmark (1899-1972) (Denmark #306). Their daughter Margrethe (born 1940-) is the current Queen of Denmark (Denmark #532). Crown Prince Frederick (Denmark #818) was born in 1968.

Leopold (1853-1884), Victoria's fourth son, was named the Duke of Albany. He married Princess Helena of Waldeck. They are not on stamps.



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14

Victoria's youngest daughter Beatrice (1857-1944) married Prince Henry of Brattenberg (1858-1896). Their daughter Victoria Eugenia married King Alfonso XIII of Spain. He reigned from 1886 to 1931 when he was forced to abdicate due to the Civil War. He died in 1941 (Spain #255 - *Figure 14*). Their grandson Juan

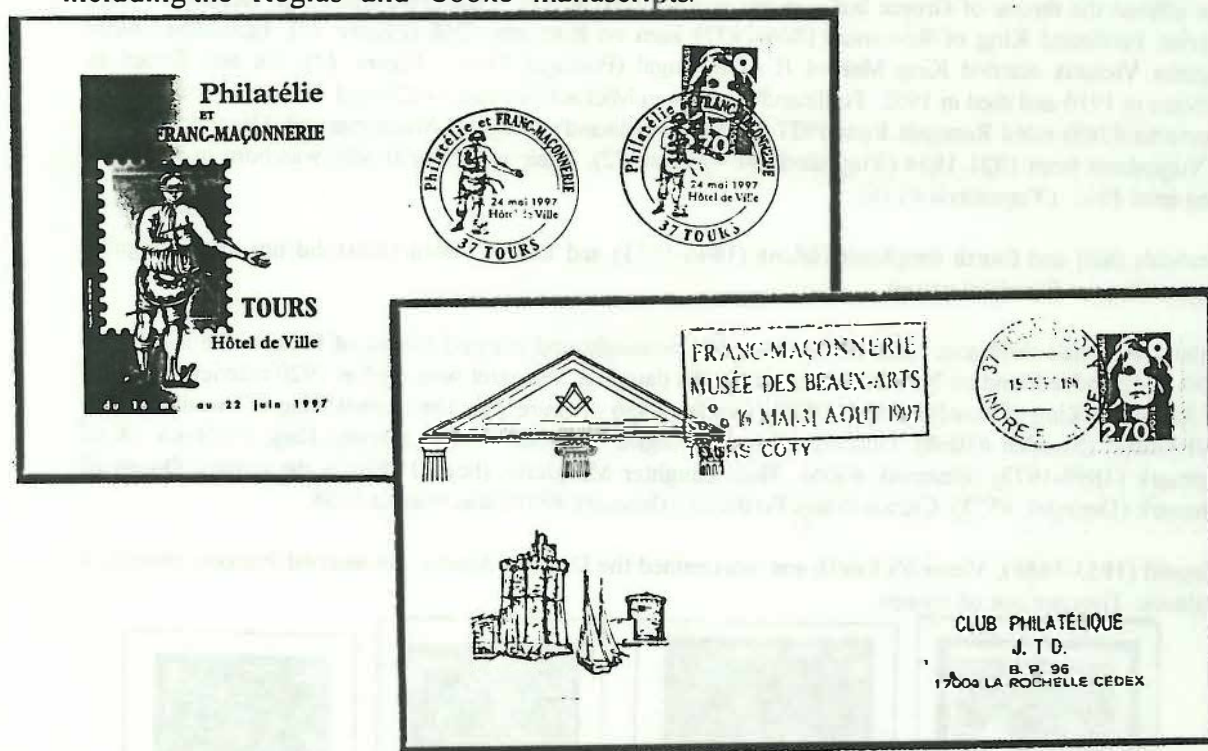
Carlos I (born 1938-) was restored to rule in 1975 (Spain #1927). Crown Prince Felipe de Bourbon is on Spain #2076.

Thus Queen Victoria has dynamic and philatelic connections to Germany, Greece, Russia, Norway, Romania, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Sweden Denmark and Spain.

FRENCH MASONIC PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

An Exposition titled "Philatélie et Franc-Maçonnerie" was held on May 24, 1997, at the Hotel de Ville, Place Jean Juarez, Tours. It was chaired by the Mayor of Tours, Jean Germain, and assistant in charge of culture and international relationships, Jean-Pierre Tolochard. Assisting these dignitaries were four noted individuals including our Bro. Jean Prouteau, President of "Club Philatelique Jean-Theophile Desaguliers.

A special cancel was prepared for the day's events and an appropriate cachet was available. The "Temporary" cancellation shown (May 24) was used by Bro. Prouteau for his Masonic Philately exhibit. He also sent along another cover bearing a "Mechanic" cancellation for an exhibition of Masonic material such as books, jewels, documents including the "Regius" and "Cooke" manuscripts.



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NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

The 1998 National Topical Stamp Show (formerly known as TOPEX) will be held on July 17-19, 1998, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. There will be 200 frames available for use by any exhibitor provided the entry meets the definition of Topical collecting. The ATA's definition of a Topical/Thematic exhibit is a selection and arrangement of the greatest possible philatelic material with the design subject telling the desired story. This exhibition is also open to one-frame exhibits.

Anyone interested in exhibiting or attending should contact: National Topical Stamp Show '98, P.O. Box 1330, Maplewood, NJ 07040-0456.

NEW GWMSC COVERS

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has produced covers for the Bugs Bunny stamp and the new Franklin and Washington stamps released during Pacific 97. I have not yet received my order of these items so I cannot illustrate them - that will be covered in the next issue. The following data on each was offered in Linn's:

May 22 - Bugs Bunny FDC honoring the voice of Bugs Bunny - Mel Blanc. \$1.50 each

May 29 - Benjamin Franklin FDC. \$2.00 each

May 30 - George Washington FDC. \$2.00 each

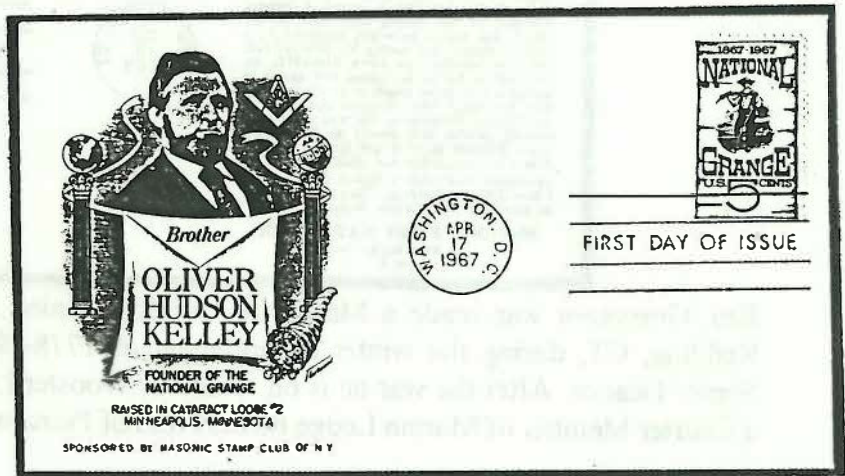
May 29-30 - FDC with 50c Franklin, 60c Washington and No. 948 S/S. \$5.00 each

Orders, with #10 SASE, should be sent to Paul M. Williams, 2364 Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560-9622

OLIVER H. KELLEY

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On April 17, 1967, the U.S.P.O.D. issued a stamp to mark the 100th anniversary of the National Grange - the voice of the American Farmer. Technically titled The Order of Patrons of Husbandry, it is a fraternal organization.

The founder of the Grange was Oliver H. Kelley (1826-1913). He was a Mason having been raised in Cataract Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M., Minneapolis, MN, on May 26, 1866. He was dropped from membership on December 3, 1887, for non-payment of dues.



LAWRENCE G. FRITZ

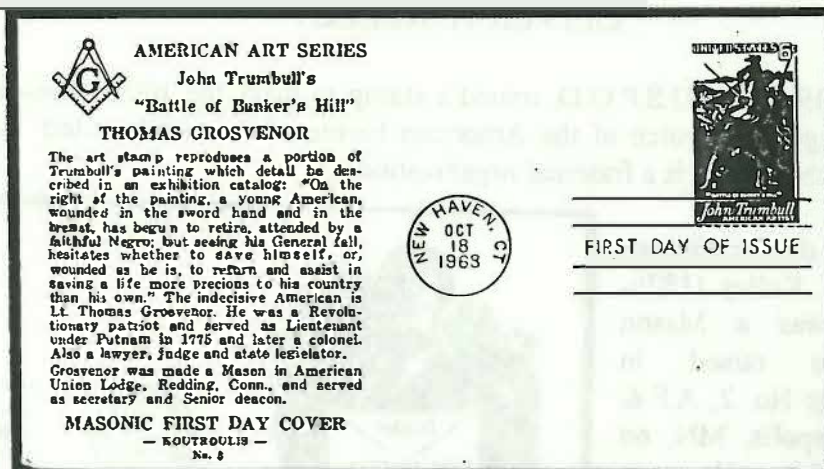
General Lawrence G. Fritz can be associated with the U.S. airmail stamp issued on September 18, 1926, which pictures the first airmail contract planes, as he was the pilot of the first such plane. Gen. Fritz graduated from advanced flying school at Kelly Field in 1924 and followed a distinguished career in aviation. While in private business, he rose from a transport pilot in 1925 to the vice-presidency of American Airlines in 1946. In the military, he rose to the rank of major general (reserves) in 1955.



Bro. Lawrence G. Fritz was a member of Alamo Lodge No. 44 of San Antonio, Texas. He was initiated on November 20, 1923, passed on January 11, 1924, and raised on February 9, 1924.

THOMAS GROSVENOR

Lieutenant Grosvenor is depicted in the lower right portion of John Trumbull's painting "Battle of Bunker Hill" - the portion selected for the U.S. stamp released on October 18, 1968. Thomas Grosvenor is shown being protected by Peter Salem, his colored servant, and in turn, protecting Col. Gardner, lying wounded at his feet.



Bro. Grosvenor was made a Mason in American Union Lodge while it was sitting at Redding, CT, during the winter encampment of 1778-79; he served as Secretary and Senior Deacon. After the war he is on record in Wooster Lodge at Colchester in 1782, as a Charter Member of Moriah Lodge in 1790 and of Putnam Lodge in 1801.