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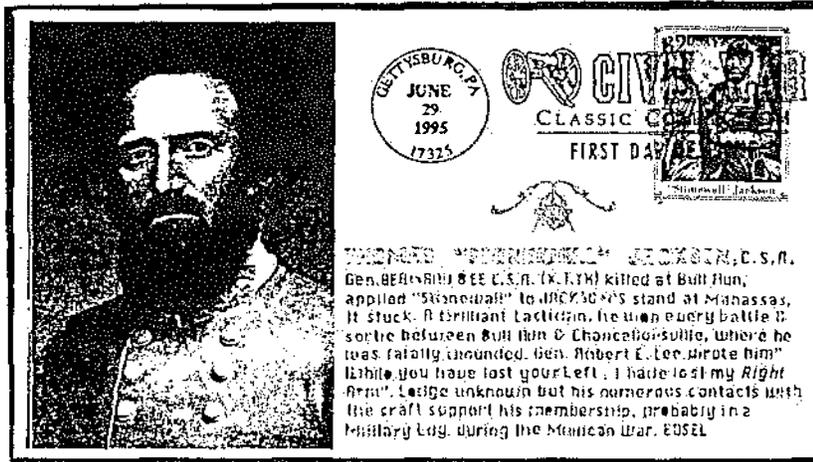
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WHOLE NO. 130

THOMAS JONATHAN "STONEWALL" JACKSON

General Jackson was born at Clarksburg, WV, January 21, 1824. A graduate of West Point in 1846, he served in the Mexican War as a lieutenant. He joined the Confederate Army at the outbreak of the Civil War and served as a brigadier-general in the first battle of Bull Run. After this battle he was promoted to the rank of major-general and by the battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862, held the rank of lieutenant-general. Following his victory at Chancellorsville May 2, 1863, he examined the territory. Upon returning to his camp, he and his men were thought to be the enemy by the outposts and he was wounded by his own men. His left arm was amputated but complications developed which caused his death on May 10, 1863. He was remembered as a man of great personal virtues; he always began a battle with prayer and always thanked God for a victory.



When captured by the Confederates with a wagon load of supplies, Simon Wolf, a Mason in the Union Army, asked to see the commanding officer. He was conducted to Gen. Jackson to whom he gave the Masonic sign of distress. Gen. Jackson answered and set him free, even seeing to it that he was safe across the Union lines. His Lodge affiliations are not known but his way of life suggests he was a Mason - perhaps having joined a traveling Military Lodge while serving in the Mexican War.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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CLOSED ALBUMS:

Although not a member, Bro. Herman Herst was a frequent contributor to this Newsletter. He passed away at his home in Boca Raton, Florida, on January 31 of this year. His life-long devotion to philately conducted on Nassau Street, New York City, in Shrub Oak, NY, and in Boca Raton, FL, will be long remembered.

Bro. Irving Berg, member No. 437 of Philadelphia, has donated his back issues to the Library at the Masonic Temple there in Philadelphia. (Editor's note - I worked in the city of Philadelphia from 1969 to 1977 and never once ventured to that magnificent Temple. Now that I look back on that mistake, I can't help but comment, what a waste of an opportunity.)

Bro. Joseph P. Harowitz, member No. 22 of Norfolk, VA, informs us that he has become High Priest - again - 48 years after his first term. He believes that at the age of 79, he is one of the oldest active High Priests. He was also recently installed as Commander of the Norfolk Council of Kadosh in the Scottish Rite, Norfolk, VA.

WANTS, TRADES, SALES

Bro. Stan Longenecker is an avid collector of February 22 cancels - on any type of postal material. He has a complete 20th century collection with the single exception of the year 1920. If anyone can help him fill this void, he would certainly appreciate it. He can be reached at 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Sister Yvonne Powell, W. M. of Deborah Chapter No. 24, Hollis, NY, has uncovered a Chapter Penny that belonged to her father. Its origin was St. James Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Brooklyn, NY. Any member interested in acquiring this momento, please contact her at 104-32 187 Street, Hollis, NY 11412.

Bro. Jim Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80210 is looking for a copy of RO106. He has an extra copy of RO61 available. It has a small thin spot at the top but otherwise very nice. He is asking \$50.00 - contact him if interested.

MOLLY PITCHER

The Molly Pitcher overprint stamp of October 20, 1928, Scott 646, represents a significant reference to the National Sojourners. The "Molly Pitcher" Unit of this organization is composed of the wives of the Sojourners, Masons on active duty and retired officers. This is apparently a very exclusive group and not much information is available on the "Molly Pitcher" Unit.

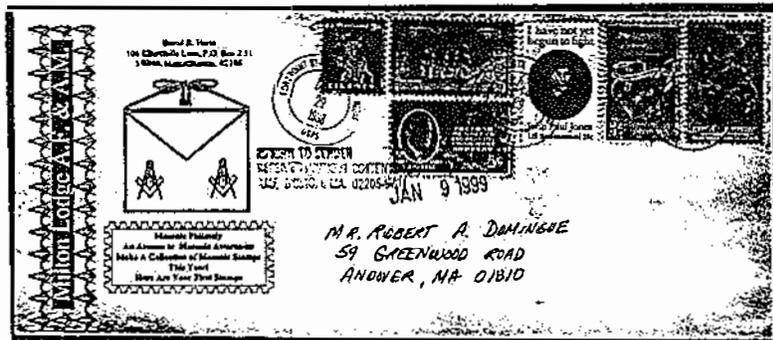


Molly Pitcher and her husband were on the field of battle at ~~Fort~~ Monmouth, NJ, during the War for Independence. It is thought he was a Mason. His wife loaded the cannon and he fired at the enemy. When he was killed in battle, she continued to load cannon for others. The USPS also issued a postal card for Molly Pitcher on September 8, 1978, Scott UX77. One has to be careful in acquiring copies of the 1928 overprint as counterfeits are known to exist.

-article and stamp contributed by Bro. John M. Cunningham, member No. 13 of
Washington, DC

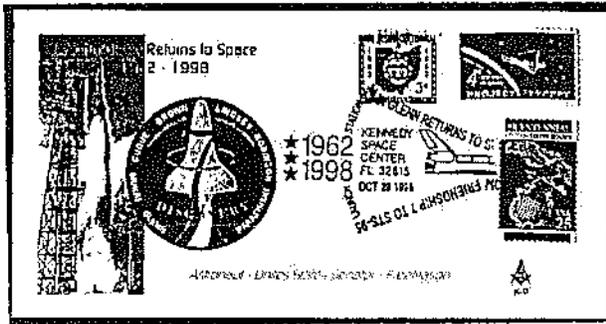
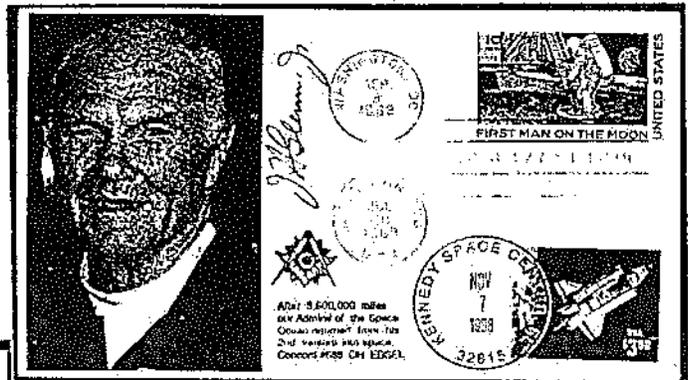
MANHANDLED MASONIC COVER

Bro. David B. Harte, member No. 470 of Milton, MA, spiced up his term as Master of Milton Lodge by using special Masonic Cacheted Covers with stamps of Masonic significance for his mailings. They are truly works of art. He recently sent me a copy of one which a postal clerk intercepted and returned to him. Bro. Harte had had a local clerk apply cancels to enhance the cover. The second clerk, however, applied the rubber stamp shown "RETURN TO SENDER/RECEIVED WITHOUT CONTENTS/GMF, BOSTON, MA 02205-9707" and a date which detracts from the cover. I did not know that it was illegal or improper to send an empty envelope through the mails. Regardless, this example shows what can be done to carefully prepared covers by unappreciative or uncaring postal clerks.



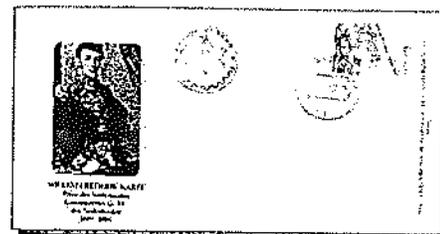
COVERS FOR BRO. JOHN GLENN

Bro. Edsel Hatfield, P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042, and Bro. Jim Dougherty, P.O. Box 1192, Austin, TX 78767 have prepared Masonic covers to commemorate Bro. John Glenn's Space Shuttle "Discovery" trip - 36 years after being the second U.S. Astronaut to venture into space. Information on the acquisition (if possible) of each can be obtained from them - they are both in very short supply.

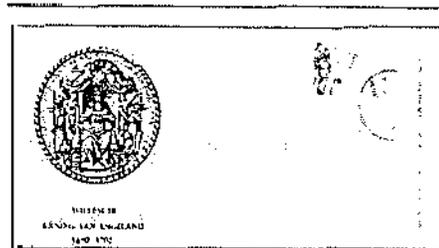


NETHERLANDS COVER & STAMPS CATALOG

The Masonic Philatelic Study Group of the Netherlands, "De Getande Rande" has published a very nice, bound, softcover catalog (about 6" x 9") which illustrates - in full color - the various Masonic Cacheted covers they have issued since 1978. There is also a section on Netherlands issues which are of a Masonic nature and other Masonic Cacheted covers from Netherlands. The printing is in Dutch but that does not distract from the reference value of this fine work to all collectors. This 56+ page booklet is available at a cost of \$13.00 US, post-paid, from Br. F. A. P. van Tricht, Bachstraat 3, 5283 KK Boxtel, The Netherlands.



14 Willem Frederik Karel - Prins der Nederlanden
Grootmeester G. O. J. der Nederlanden
1819 - 1881



15 Willem III
Koning van Engeland
1690 - 1702

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

One of my former students collects angels. This made me curious about the relationship of angels to Masonic ritual. The major encyclopedias indicate there is none except in some of the higher degrees. Perhaps the writers of those tomes haven't seen the well known lantern slide for Jacob's Ladder in the Entered Apprentice Degree which shows angels ascending to heaven. Although the term angels may not appear in the Symbolic Lodge, visual arts contribute to the ambience of the lessons taught.

In the Chapter and the Council, references are made to the cherubim above the mercy seat. A cherub is a type of angel. In Ezekial's vision they had four faces: a lion, a man, an ox and an eagle. In the Royal Master Degree their wings touch both walls. In the Order of the Temple the angel of death is writing in the book of life. In the Master Mason Degree, Time is usually described as a figure with wings.

The dictionary defines an angel as a messenger of God. Tradition states they are superhuman beings wearing white robes with halos and wings. There are nine orders of angels; the highest is the seraphim who have three pairs of wings. Then come cherubim, thrones, dominions, virtues, powers, principalities, archangels and angels. Angels are pure spirits with free will; their number is legion.

The idea of angels originated in Persia with Zoroaster six centuries prior to the Christian era. The Jews adopted it in Babylon. Angels are found in the book of Genesis guarding the Garden of Eden. Jesus mentions them as guardians. They are found in the Talmud, the Midrash and the Cabala as well as the Apocrypha and the Koran. Hindus and Buddhists also believe in angels.

Thomas Aquinas gives the Roman Catholic view of angels while John Milton uses them in "Paradise Lost". Certain angels are mentioned by name. The four most common are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. They represent fire, water, earth and air as well as other qualities. Arthur Edward Waite, the Masonic writer, names several more. Anti-Masons claim Albert Pike said Masons worship Lucifer or Satan, a fallen angel.

In the 28th Degree of the Scottish Rite, Knights of the Sun are found in seven angels: Hamaliel representing Charity, Tsaphiel representing Hope, Zarakhiel representing Faith as well as the four previously mentioned who represent Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice. Pike devotes nearly one fourth of Morals and Dogma to this degree - it is a profound philosophical lesson.

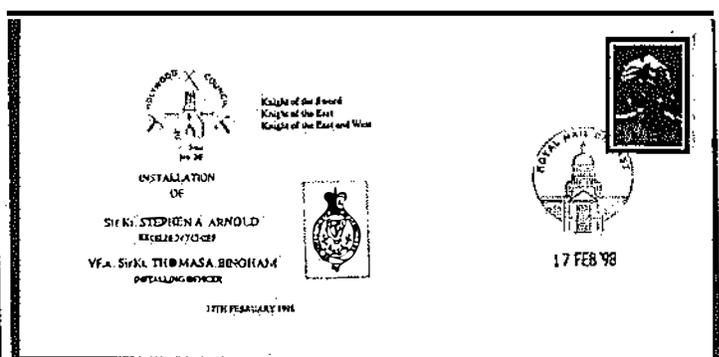
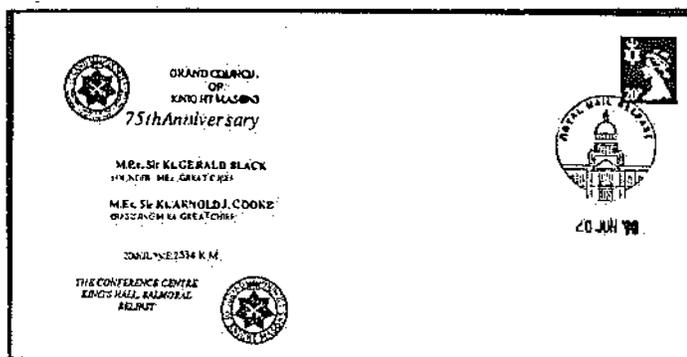
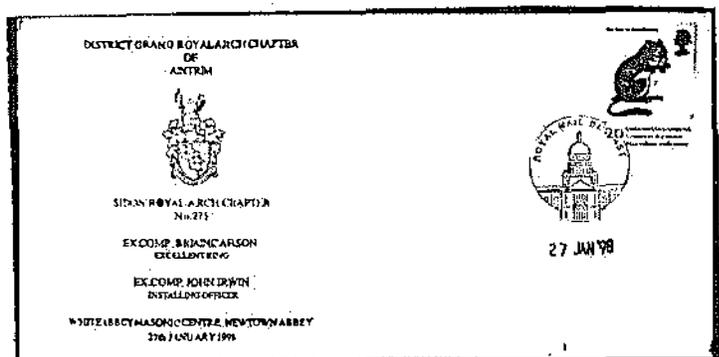
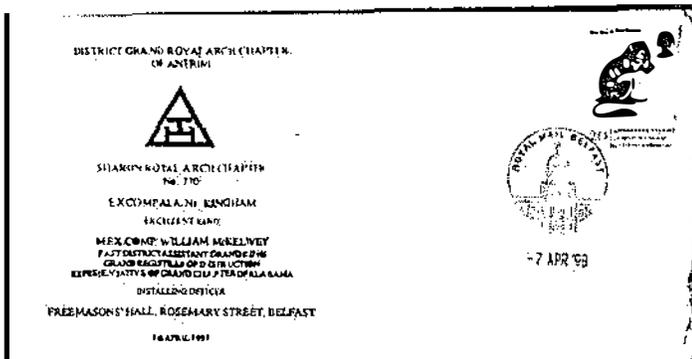
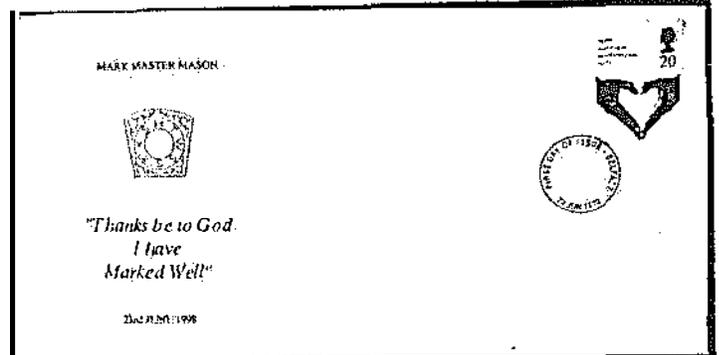
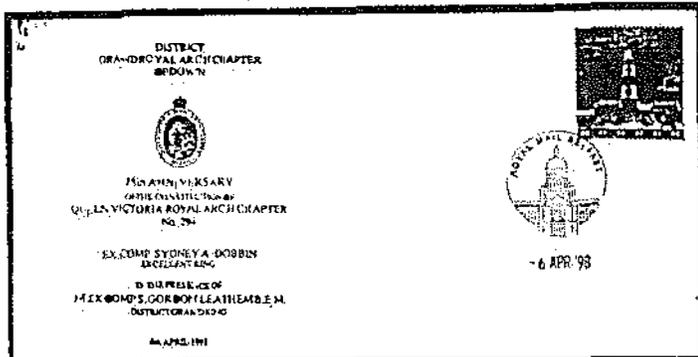
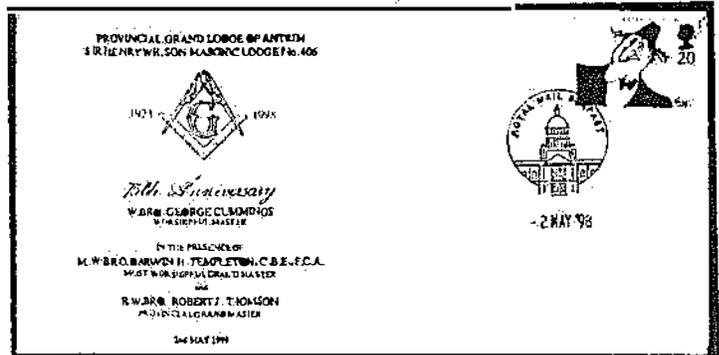
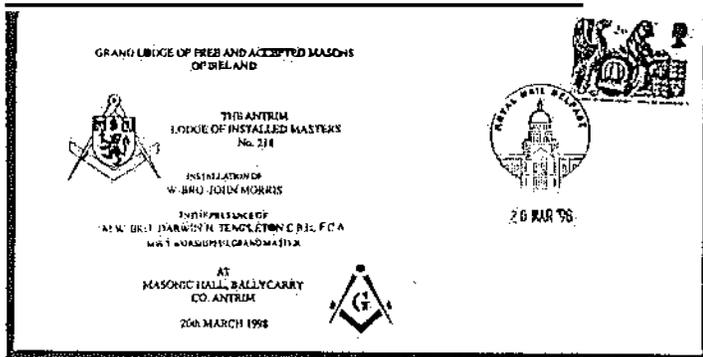
Angels on stamps are usually associated with Christmas or Easter issues. A good example of an angel is the 1939 Christmas Seal which was designed by famed illustrator, Rockwell Kent (1882-1971). The U.S. Christmas stamps of 1965, 1968, 1972, 1974 and 1995 show angels; so does the Love stamp of 1995.



Everyone knows the story of George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life". Clarence, played by Henry Travers, is probably the most famous angel of films. Although nobody connected with the film was a Mason, it certainly deserves recognition on a stamp. Perhaps we will have to wait until 2001 when Frank Capra, the director, has been dead ten years.

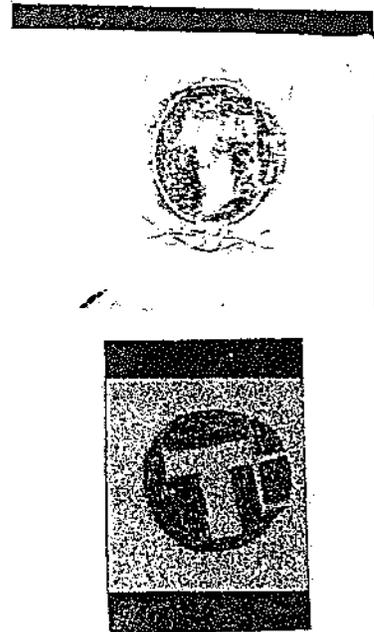
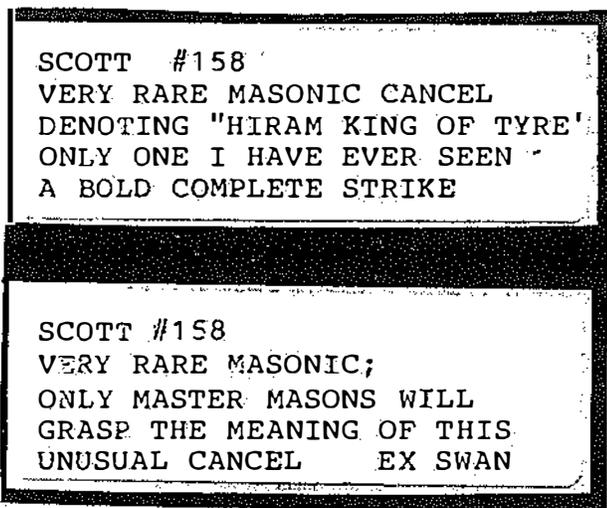
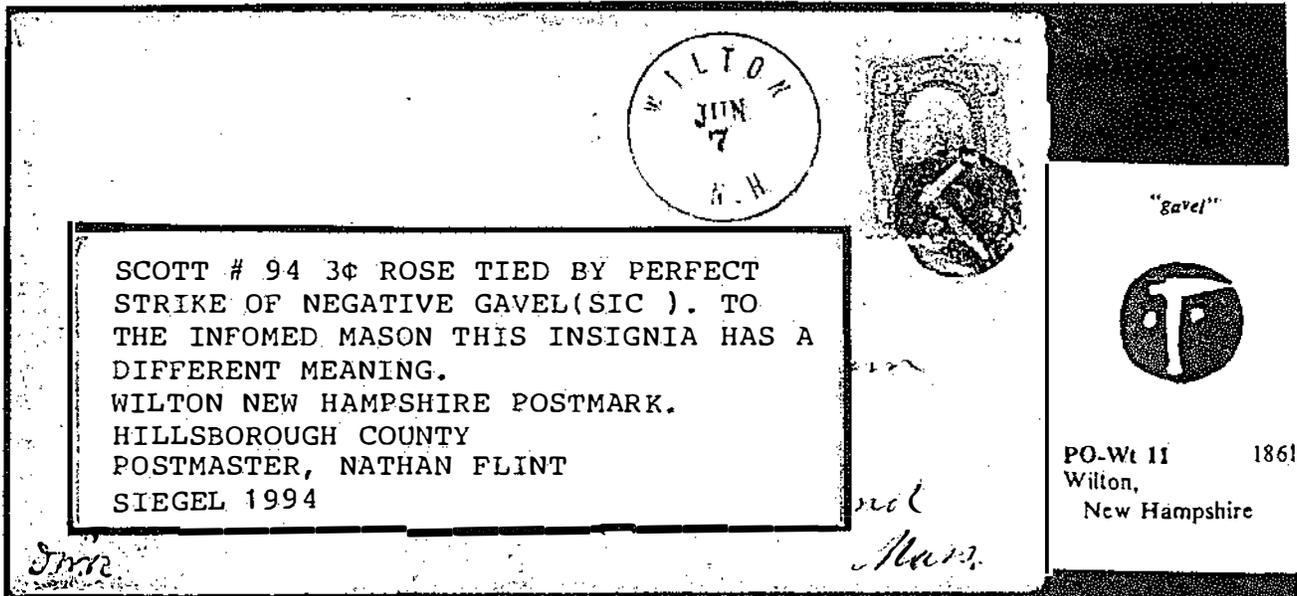
MASONIC COVERS FROM IRELAND

Bro. Frank Elliott's annual package of covers prepared for Masonic events in his native land includes some interesting examples. Anyone interested in acquiring more information on these covers is invited to contact him at 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN Northern Ireland.



TUBALCAIN MASONIC CANCELS

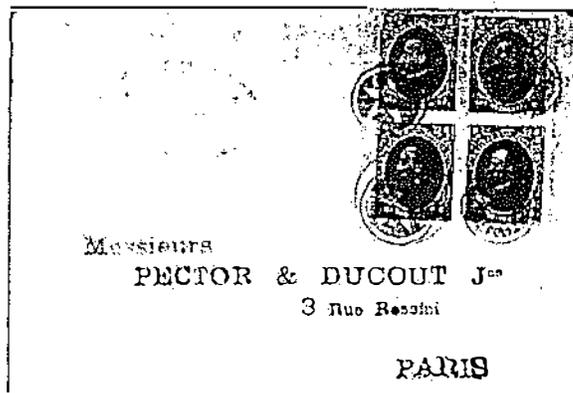
Bro. Ray Koch has again shared some of his Masonic Fancy Cancels with us - this time, the subject of the cancels is Tubalcain. Tubalcain, the meaning of whose name is obscure, was the son of Lamech, of the family of Cain, and his wife, Zillah. One translation of his name, commonly accepted, is "smith of Tubal". This would fit the Biblical expression of Tubalcain, who is identified as "...an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron..." This would make him the earliest worker in metals to be mentioned in recorded history, and almost certainly the first to be mentioned by name. (Extracted from *Biblical Characters in Freemasonry* By John H. Van Gorden.)



FRANCISCO MORAZAN

Bro. Gene Fricks, member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ, provides an interesting article on Bro. Francisco Morazan which appeared in the "Central American Newsletter" of the Central American Group of the Spanish Main Society, England. It is believed that Bro. Morazan was made a Mason in Costa Rica; a Lodge in Honduras was named after him.

A finely engraved set bearing the portrait of Francisco Morazan made its appearance about April 1878, on a thin, hard paper.



Francisco Morazan was born in Tegucigalpa in 1799, coming from an old French West Indian Family. On the declaration of independence from Spain in 1821, he was appointed Secretary-General by Dionisio Herrera, the first President of Honduras. He later commanded the Honduran troops in the war against Guatemala, which Republic was attempting to gain a predominant position among the Central American Republics, but was defeated and captured. A few years later he was more successful, became President of Honduras and conquered Guatemala in 1829. During his regime numerous and extensive reforms were introduced but in 1832 he had to suppress a revolution in Salvador against the Federation. In 1838 the terrible Indian rebellion in Guatemala took place under Raphael Carrera. Honduras was defeated and along with Costa Rica, withdrew from the Federation. Guatemala became independent. Morazan resigned the Presidency on April 5, 1840, and fled to Chile. In 1842 he made one more attempt to reinstate the Central American Federation and managed to overthrow the Separatist Government of Costa Rica. However, a counter-revolution took place and Morazan fell into the hands of the rebels and was shot on September 15, 1842.

MORE INFORMATION ON CHRISTOPHER ROBY

The manufacturer, postmaster, creator of the West Chelmsford Masonic Fancy Cancel cited in the most recent Newsletter, was truly a Mason. The membership card maintained in the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts identifies him as a member of Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, MA as of Oct. 22, 1867. Request for degree dates have not been answered as yet. Reports have also been heard that he was a member of Pentucket Lodge, also of Lowell, but his name is not found in the published list of members of that Lodge.

AUSTRIAN MASONIC MUSICIANS

A brief article in the December 1998 Global Stamp News gives a list of Austrian stamps devoted to musicians. Of the more than 40 performers and composers honored, five were Masons. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franj Joseph Haydn and Franz Liszt are familiar and need no further biographical data. Leo Slezak and Leo Fall have not been previously profiled.

Leo Fall was born in Olomouc in Bohemia (now part of the Czeck Republic) in 1873. He studied at the Vienna Conservatory and played in the 50th Infantry Regiment Band. He conducted theater orchestras in Hamburg and Berlin. His first hit operatta was "The Dollar Princess" in 1907. It played on Broadway in 1909. He continued to compose light opera among which were The Siren 1911, Miss Caprice 1913, The Rose of Stamboul 1922 and Madame Pompadour 1924. He was raised in Freundschaft Lodge, Pressburg, on March 14, 1909. Leo Fall died September 16, 1925, in Vienna.



Leo Slezak was born in Marisch-Schoenberg, Moravia, on August 18, 1873. He was an engineering student who decided on a singing career. His first job was in the chorus of the Brunn Opera. On March 17, 1896, he made his debut in Lohengrin at Brunn and went on to become one of the most celebrated tenors of the early Twentieth Century. He sang at Berlin and Covent Garden and was the principal tenor at the Vienna Opera for 25 years. He sang Otello at the Metropolitan in 1909 and was their Wagnerian tenor in 1912-13. He was active on the concert stage and became a character actor in German films of the 1930's. His final role was in baron Munchhausen in 1942. His son Walter became a star in the United States. Leo Slezak died June 1, 1946. He is listed as a Mason by Hans Ofenbach in his book 'Briefmarken Erzeklan Freemaureрге Schichte' but no other details are available.

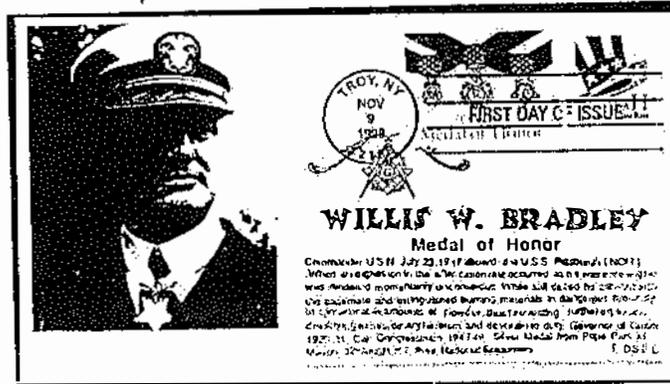
The stamps on which these Austrian Masons appear are as follows:

Mozart	Scott 609, 840a, 840b, 1533, B51
Hasydn	Scott 644, 1210, 1409, B50
Liszt	Scott 674, 1371
Slezak	Scott 947
Fall	Scott 1021

Beethoven, considered by some to be a Mason, is shown on Austria Scott 840c, 887, 1692 and B52.

-article contributed by Bro, Norm Lincoln, our Unit President

ANOTHER MASON WHO RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF HONOR



Willis Winter Bradley, Jr., graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1907. He had attained the rank of Commander in the regular U.S. Navy by the time the United States became involved in World War I. On July 23, 1917, aboard the U.S.S. Pittsburgh an explosion occurred in one of the gun casements where men were reloading flares. Bradley was just entering the casement and the explosion knocked him down and momentarily unconscious. Recovering, but still dazed, he crawled into the casement and proceeded to remove flammable material from the proximity of the flames. He then extinguished the flames that were near large quantities of gun powder, thus preventing possible loss of the ship as well as a great loss of life. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for displaying extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty.

Bradley stayed in the Navy and was appointed Governor of Guam 1929-31. He retired from the Navy as a Captain in 1946 and took up residence in California. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 18th District of California. He was awarded the Silver Medal from Pope Pius XI

Bro. Bradley was a 32nd degree AASR, Knight Templar and a Shriner. He was a Past National President of the National Sojourners, 1943-47, and served as Trustee on the *Committee of 33* of the National Sojourners.

- article and cover provided by Bro. Edsel Hatfield, Hazelwood, MO

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Sorry this issue is late - too many things trying to happen at one time. Please submit articles on the types of articles you want to see in this, your Newsletter. I enjoy researching, writing and editing but I need some guidelines. I also have an extensive stock of Masonic Cacheted Covers - any interests?

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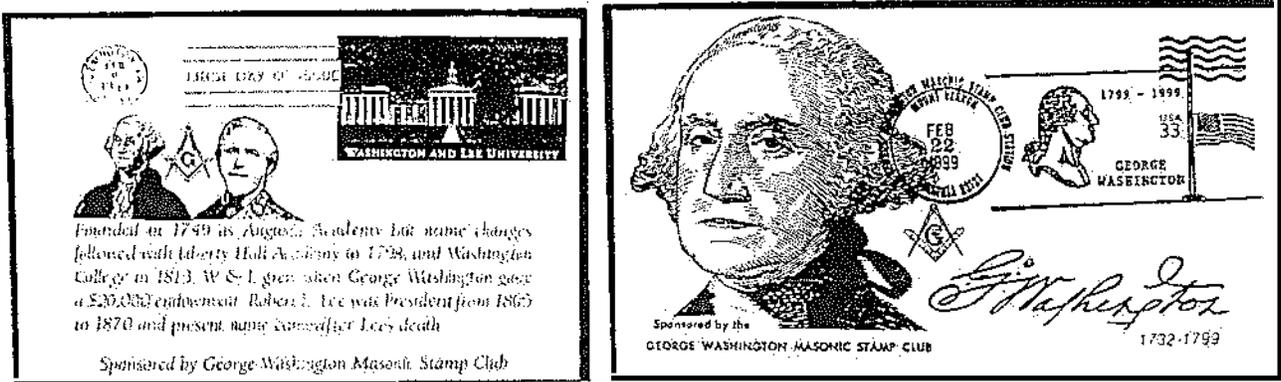
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GWMSC MASONIC CACHETED COVERS

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club processed a cover for the new Washington and Lee University postal card on February 11 - it is available at a cost of \$1.00 each plus a SASE. Their annual Washington's Birthday cover is also available at a cost of \$1.50 plus a SASE (if ordered separately). Orders should be placed with Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560-9622.

At their annual meeting on February 21, Bro. Edward P. Smith was elected President for a two year term. Congratulations, Bro. Smith - you are heading up a fine group.



AN INTERESTING TWIST ON THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

Bro. Gene Fricks has forwarded this interesting article which was reprinted in the MSC Monthly Bulletin (Pennsauken, NJ) which originally appeared in the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip*, Jan. 12, 1935. How does it strike you, knowing that the perpetrators of the Tea party were Masons who had adjourned from a Lodge meeting to "do the deed"?

In the summer of 1767, the Townsend Acts were passed by the British Parliament. Among the heavy taxes levied on the colonies was an especially heavy one on tea. This tax made tea high in price, so some patriots decided to smuggle some tea into the colonies. At first the tea was smuggled in in small quantities, but because of the increased demand, the tea was later smuggled in large quantities. This kept up for several years until quite a profitable business was being carried on by the patriots of the colonies. Large warehouses of smuggled tea could be found in all the large cities of the colonies.

The Townsend Acts were repealed in 1770, a small three-penny tax was left on the tea. The East India Company, which had a monopoly on tea in London, could now sell the tea cheaper in America than in England, for the tax was a shilling a pound on the tea in England as compared with the three penny tax on tea sold in America. The East India Company had a huge surplus of tea in London so it began to send large quantities to America. Now the legal tea



was much cheaper than the smuggled tea of the patriots. The patriots saw that something must be done or they would stand heavy losses on their smuggled tea, so they raised the cry "We will not pay one cent on tax on tea".

At Philadelphia and New York, the captains that brought the legal tea from England were persuaded to return to England without loading. But, at Boston, due to a political mix-up, the customs officials would not allow the ships to return to England. Several patriots, probably those that saw that the legal tea would ruin their profitable smuggling trade, devised a plan by which they could rid the colonies of the tea with the "abominable three-penny tax". A band of citizens, disguised as Indians, boarded the ships on the evening of December 16, 1773, ripped open the 342 chests of tea, valued at about \$90,000 and threw the contents into the harbor. Few that took part in the Boston Tea Party knew the real reason why this particular tea should be destroyed and, of course, the smugglers made no effort to let the truth be known.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues pertinent to a Masonic stamp collection, as reported in the philatelic media, are as follows:

1998

June 5 - Mexico - 100th Birth Anniversary of Frederico Garcia Lorca, one value

Dec. 1 - Liberia - Famous Explorers and Chinese Leaders of the 20th Century, two panes of 8 se-tenant stamps each. Include Robert E. Peary and Mastthew A. Henson.

Dec. 15 - Sierre Leone - 19th World Boy Scout Jamboree, two panes of three se-tenant stamps each. Daniel C. Beard is included.

1999

Jan. - Ascension Island - Aircraft/125th Anniversary of Birth of Winston Churchill, 4 values plus a S/S. Winston Churchill is shown on the Souvenir Sheet

Jan. 14 - Germany - 1100th Anniversary of Weimar, one value. This stamp shows Schiller, Goethe, Wieland and Herder.

Feb. 2 - Great Britain - Millenium/Traveller's Tale, four values. One value depicts Capt. James Cook.

Feb. 4 - Guernsey - Queen Elizabeth, 10 se-tenant stamps. One value shows the coronation of King George VI.

Feb. 12 - San Marino - 400 Years of Opera, 16 se-tenant stamps. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Richard Wagner are shown.

Masrch 2 - Great Britain - Millenium/Patient's Tale, four values. Edward Jenner and Alexander Fleming are honored.