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RAMON FRANCO BAHAMONDE

A Souvenir Sheet released by Spain in 2001 for early flight pioneers pictures Bro. Ramon Franco Bahamonde in the margin and his plane on the 40c/0.24 Euro value.



An aviator and Spanish politician, Ramon Franco Bahamonde was a brother of the dictator, General Francisco Franco. In 1920 he was promoted to Commander of Aviation and was later awarded the Aerial Medal for his valiant action in the Morocco conflict. He was in command of the hydroplane, *Plus Ultra*, and joined with others to fly across the South Atlantic Ocean from Spain to Argentina. They left Palos de Moguer on January 21, 1926, and landed in Buenos Aires 59 and one half hours later. He was the General Director of Aeronautics and a Deputy in the Constitutional Spanish Assembly in 1931, during the time of the II Republic. He died in an aviation accident near Mallorca on October 27, 1938.

Bro. Franco was initiated in 1929 in "Plus Ultra Lodge No. 452" in Paris. Later he affiliated with the Lodge "Concordia" of Madrid, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Spanish Orient. He was one of the Masons who refused the initiation of General Franco into Freemasonry.

-Stamp and article provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Barcelona, Spain

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294. Donald J. Shearer of Arvarda, CO. Unfortunately, Bro. Shearer is suffering from Alzhiemer's Disease and can no longer read.

MEMBERS' NEWS:

Bro. Frank Elliott of Belfast, Northern Ireland, recently spent four weeks in the Vermont/New Hampshire area. His daughter, Sarah, is a Research Doctor at Dartmouth Medical in Dartmouth College. The greater Hanover area is absolutely beautiful that time of year - at peak foliage.

Bro. Antonio Guilherme de Paiva and Tony Field (of the MSC of Great Britain) are seen regularly as dealers on eBay. Your Editor made his initial forray into that medium this past week. As you are well aware, I have many Masonic Cacheted Covers that members have given me to sell on a consignment basis. The audience afforded by eBay is so vast I must offer them there to be able to help sell them. Anyone interested in what I may have to offer should contact me for a US or Foreign price list via mail (address on masthead) or e-mail: radpm@mediaone.net. The eBay contacts may also yield new members.

Our sincere condolences to Bro. Jim Adams of Denver, CO. At a dinner meeting at Highlands Lodge #86 on Oct. 19, 2001, he was presented his 50 year membership pin by the M.W. Grand Master of Colorado, Ben M. Crossno. Unfortunately, the very next day, he lost his wife of 51 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Bro. Jim.

The Casimir Pulaski hand-drawn cacheted cover shown in the previous Newsletter drew some bids - not as many as would have been liked. but enough to realize a decent contribution to the Unit treasury. The winner was Bro. Walter F. Reid, Jr., of Eden, NC. Thank you one and all and special thanks to Bro. Stan Longenecker for drawing and donating the cover.

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ERNEST HENRY SHACKLETON

Bro. Norm Lincoln informs us the The American Philatelist for October 2001 contains an article by Steve Pendleton on Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton. Denlow's does not list him but he is documented by Beltmann as well as the article on pages 1480/1 of the May-June 1999 Newsletter.

Bro. Shackleton was initiated July 9, 1801, in Navy Lodge No. 2612, London. He attended the first regular meeting of Guild of Freemen Lodge No. 3525 in 1911 and was passed in that Lodge on Nov. 2, 1911. He was raised on May 30, 1913 in that same Lodge. A year later he was made Honorary Member of that Lodge and remained a member of both Navy Lodge and Guild of Freemen Lodge until his death. On Sept. 30, 1916, the English-speaking Lodges in Valparaiso, Chile, received the Brothers Sir Ernest Shackleton and Luis Alberto Pardo Villalon of the Lodge "Independencia" No. 38 in a ceremonious session as an expression of joy and appreciation for the courage and the knowledge of the latter who, with the ship "Yelcho" succeeded in bringing back members of Shackleton's crew from Elephant Island.

Shackleton was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1874 and entered the Merchant Marine. He accompanied Robert Falcon Scott to Antarctica in 1901. In 1907 he led an expedition to within 97 miles of the South Pole. He planned to cross the Antarctic continent in 1914 but his ship, S.S. Endurance, became trapped in pack ice in the Weddell Sea. The crew was forced into lifeboats and made it to Elephant Island. Leaving part of his men, Shackleton sailed to South Georgia Island 800 miles away. He then crossed the island to a Chilean whaling station. His men were rescued and in 1921 he again set out to Antarctica but died of a heart attack Jan. 5, 1922, in South Georgia. He is buried there.

Stamps depicting Bro. Shackleton include British Antarctic Territory Scott #26, Ross Dependency Scott #L2 and South Georgia Scott #34.

Additional Masonic Polar explorers previously profiled include:

Robert E. Peary (1856-1920) reached North Pole April 6, 1909. Member of Kane Lodge No. 564, NY

Matthew A. Henson (1856-1955) with Peary. Member of Celestial Lodge No. 3, NY (PH)

Elisha Kent Kane (1820-1857) Member of Franklin Lodge No. 134, PA

Isaac I. Hayes (1832-1881) accompanied Kane. Member of Lodge No. 51, PA

Richard E. Byrd (1888-1957) North Pole May 9, 1926, South Pole Nov. 29, 1929. Member of Federal Lodge No. 1, DC.

Bernt Balchen (1899-??) Thule, Greenland. Member of Norseman Lodge No. 878, NY

James Cook (1728-1779) Antarctic 1772. Said to have been a Mason.

Robert F. Scott (1868-1912) South Pole Jan. 17, 1912. Member of Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127, England.

Donald B. Macmillan Member of Freeport Lodge No. 23, Maine

Other explorers whose Masonic membership has not yet been identified are: Lincoln Ellsworth, Sir John Franklin, Alexander MacKenzie, Fridtjof Nansen, Umberto Nobile, Nathaniel Palmer, James Clark Rose, James Weddell, Charles Wilkes, and Hubert Wilkins.

Bro. Bernt Balchen stated that Roald Amundson was not a member of the Craft.

CANADIAN FDC FOR THE SHRINERS

The FDC issued by Canada Post for the new Shriners stamp cited in the July-August Newsletter merits illustration here. It is well done and is a great tribute to the Shriners.



DAY OF ISSUE - CANADA POST
JOUR D'ÉMISSION - POSTES CANADA

Known for their distinctive red fezzes and colourful parades and circuses, Shriners are members of an international fraternity dedicated to philanthropy, fellowship and fun. The Shrine of North America was established by a group of Freemasons in 1872 and now comprises more than half a million men in 191 chapters in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Panama.

In 1922 the Shrine opened its first hospital for children with physical disabilities. Today, 22 Shriners Hospitals spend approximately \$1.5 million a day to provide free medical care to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal-cord injuries. The hospitals, which are funded through grants, bequests, donations and special events, have treated over 600,000 children. Last year marked the 75th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

Reconnus à leurs traditionnels fezzes rouges, ainsi que pour leurs défilés et leurs cirques toujours très colorés, les Shriners sont membres d'une association internationale vouée à l'action philanthropique, à l'entraide et au divertissement. Établi par un groupe de franc-maçons en 1872, les Shriners d'Amérique du Nord comptent aujourd'hui plus d'un demi-million de membres dans 191 sections réparties au Canada, aux États-Unis, au Mexique et au Panama.

C'est en 1922 que les Shriners fondent un premier hôpital spécialisé dans le traitement des enfants ayant des déficiences physiques. Aujourd'hui, les 22 centres hospitaliers de l'organisme consacrent près de 1,5 million de dollars par jour à la prestation de soins médicaux gratuits auprès d'enfants ayant des problèmes orthopédiques, des brûlures et des lésions à la moelle épinière. À ce jour, plus de 600 000 enfants ont été traités dans ces hôpitaux pédiatriques, financés à l'aide de subventions, de legs, de dons et d'activités destinées à recueillir des fonds. L'année dernière, l'hôpital Shriners de Montréal a célébré son 75^e anniversaire.

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JOSE ELLAURI

A Uruguayan Politician, he became a Deputy and Minister of State after studying Law. Later, in March 1873, he was elected president of the Republic by a majority of the votes of the Assembly. Before a year was out, he was deposed and had to turn the presidency over to Pedro Varela. During his short term, his management was beneficial to all departments of the public administration. He also helped found many new cities in Uruguay.

Bro. Ellauri is pictured on a Uruguay stamp issued in 1945, Scott #543. He was cited as being a Mason in a 2001 Internet page presented by the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.



NAVAL HEROES - WORLD WAR II

A set of stamps was issued by the Marshal Islands on August 24, 2001, for World War II Naval Heroes. (Unfortunately, I do not have this set for illustration.) Information, and more specifically, Masonic information, on the individuals honored has been provided by Bro. Norman Lincoln.

Al, Frank, George, Joe and Matt Sullivan were drowned when their ship, the light cruiser Juneau, was sunk Nov. 13, 1942, near Guadalcanal by a torpedo from the Japanese submarine I-16. There were only ten survivors.

Edward H. O'Hare was a fighter pilot on the aircraft carrier USS Lexington. On Feb. 20, 1942, near Rabaul he shot down five Japanese "Betty" bombers in five minutes for which he received the Medal of Honor.

Admiral Chester Nimitz (1885-1966) was the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet. He planned the strategy which resulted in American victories at the Coral Sea, Midway and the Philippine Sea.

William Frederick Halsey, Jr., (1882-1959) was the commander of the Third Fleet. Best known of the naval heroes, he led his forces to victory at Guadalcanal and Leyte.

Richmond Kelley Turner, an expert at amphibious warfare, was chief of staff to Nimitz.

Raymond Ames Spruance (1886-1969) led Task Force 16 to victory at Midway.

ARLEIGH BURKE was born in 1901 and was the commander of Destroyer Squad 23. On Nov. 11, 1943, his force sank three of five Japanese destroyers near New Ireland. He was Chief of Staff of Task Force 58, head of Naval Research and Development and Chief of Naval Operations from 1955-61. He was known as "31 knot" Burke.

He was a member of Warren Harding Lodge No. 43, District of Columbia, and a 33 deg. Scottist Rite Mason.

MARK ANDREW MITSCHER was born June 26, 1887, in Hillsboro, WI, and died Feb. 3, 1947. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1910 and became a naval aviator serving on the Langley and the Saratoga. He commanded the Hornet from which Brother Jimmy Doolittle took off in 1942 to bomb Tokyo. He later led Task Force 58.

He became a member of Biscayne Bay Lodge No. 124, Florida, in 1919. he was also a member of the Scottish Rite.

ERNEST JOSEPH KING was born Nov. 23, 1878, in Lorain, OH and died June 25, 1956. He was Commander-in-Chief of the US Fleet in 1941 and Chief of Naval Operations 1942-45.

He was raised in George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22, District of Columbia, Sept. 12, 1935. He was also a member of the York Rite and the Shrine.

MASONIC PHILATELIC STAMPS THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Bro. Eddie Levey of Mildura, Victoria, Australia has provided a copy of a lecture on Stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia relating to Masonic Philately which he carried out in his Lodge in Mildura. Portions of it are repeated here; anyone desiring a copy of the full lecture please contact the Editor or Bro. Levey at 62 Kearn Street, Mildura 3500, Victoria, Australia.

Organized Freemasonry begins in Australia from 1820, the year of formation of "The Australian Social Lodge" No. 260, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. But, it is a well-established fact, that there were Freemasons living in the colony of New South Wales before this and it is known that formal Masonic meetings took place before 1820. Indeed, the records make it clear that there were Freemasons in the First-Fleet, arriving in 1788, although I have been able to obtain information concerning only one. This was Bro. James Bloodsworth, Master bricklayer and the Colony's first builder, who was emancipated in 1790 and who supervised the erection of Australia's first brick building, Government House in Sydney.

In all accounts of early Australian history, three names stand out in the list of men who made major contributions to the opening up of the country, namely, Capt. James Cook, Matthew Flinders and Gov. Lachlan Macquarie. Of these three, two were explorers and the third, Lachlan Macquarie, although not himself an explorer, was a great encourager of exploration. To us as Freemasons it is of interest to know that the last two were members of the Craft. (Ed: the claim of Cook's membership is strongly contested.)

Matthew Flinders was born in 1774 and joined the Royal Navy in 1789. He was a member of the exploration under Capt. William Bligh, which was occasion of the well-known mutiny on the "Bounty". He first became interested in Australian Exploration in 1795 when he arrived in New South Wales as Master's Mate on the vessel "Reliance" which took the second Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, Capt. John Hunter, to the colony. In 1803, during his return voyage to England, Flinders was taken prisoner of war in Mauritius where he was held for nearly seven years. It is recorded that while he was on the island, one Labuvue was to be initiated into the Freemason's Lodge at Mocha and Flinders "rode over to officiate". In an extract from his diary, written in July 1805 at Mocha, Mauritius, Flinders records, "Saturday 18th. Today we had company of the M.M.Curtut, and Pepin, to celebrate tomorrow the fete of St. John at the Freemasons Lodge established there". Flinders eventually returned to England in 1814. His memory is perpetuated in Australian Freemasonry in "Lodge Matthew Flinders" No. 378, on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, meeting at Mosman, Sydney.

Matthew Flinders was first depicted on an Australian stamp in 1963-64 in the Early Navigators of Australia series S.G. No. 358 (Scott No. 377).

Governor Lachlan Macquarie was born in Scotland in 1761, arrived in Sydney in 1810 to take over the Colony of New South Wales following the "Rum Rebellion" in which Gov. Bligh had been deposed. He completely altered the condition of the colony. He reduced the power of the military officers in the settlement, rebuilding much of Sydney, built hospitals, encouraged exploration, built roads and bridges, founded the town of Bathurst, instituted parks and experimental farms and built public buildings. Most of all, he improved the conditions of the convicts and instituted that former convicts whose sentences had expired should no longer be treated as outcasts but should be accepted as equals by their fellow settlers. He left Sydney in 1822 and died two years later.

Governor Macquarie was initiated in "Lodge Bombay" No. 1 in India prior to coming to New South Wales. He is depicted on the Australian stamp S.G. No. 480 (Scott 455) issued in 1970. The Macquarie Lighthouse, S.G. No. 436 (Scott No. 458), the first lighthouse to be built in Australia, was not only built under the authority of the Freemason Macquarie, but also designed by a Freemason, Francis Greenway.

The first Stationary Lodge in Australia, Lodge Australian Social No. 260, under the Irish Constitution and now Lodge Antiquity No. 1 of the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was formed in Sydney in 1820 during his governorship and of which he became a member. It is of interest to know that during his term, he did publically acknowledge his membership of the Craft. This was on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of Old St. Mary's Chapel in Oct. 1821. After Father Therry read the address to the Governor, Gov. Macquarie made the following reply: "You must know, Father Therry, that although I have never laid the stone of a Catholic Church before, I am a very old Freemason and shall keep this trowel as long as I live in remembrance of this day, and I wish you and your flock every success in your pious undertaking."

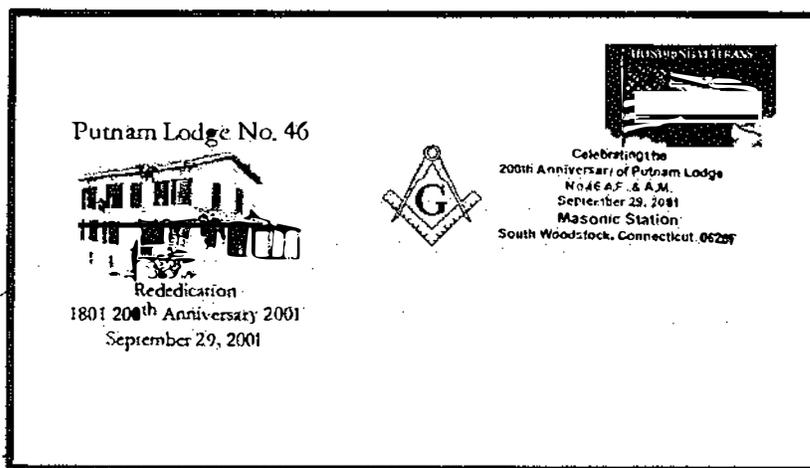
Gov. Macquarie's encouragement of exploration led to inland areas of New South Wales and beyond. The names of the three men in the party which first crossed the Blue Mountains, Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, have become familiar to every Australian. There is no evidence that either Gregory Blaxland or Lieutenant Lawson were Freemasons but William Charles Wentworth was. This expedition was honored by a stamp - S.G. No. 578 (Scott No. 355). Bro. Wentworth is pictured on Scott No. 547.

William Charles Wentworth was born at sea en route to Norfolk Island in 1790. At the age of 23, in 1813, he, with Blaxland and Lawson, successfully crossed the Blue Mountains in New South Wales. Three years later he embarked on a literary career and established a legal practice in Sydney. "The Australian" newspaper was also started by Charles Wentworth.

Bro. Wentworth was known to have been a regular visitor of Lodge of Australia No. 820, under the English Constitution - now Lodge of Australia No. 3 under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Lodge Wentworth No. 89 is named in his honor. It was to this Lodge that his 18th degree, Rose Croix, certificate and apron was presented. His Royal Arch Companion Jewel is in the custody of the Grand Lodge Museum.

PUTNAM LODGE No. 46 ANNIVERSARY COVER

In the previous issue, we spoke of the upcoming cover prepared by Bro. Dick Potter for the 200th Anniversary of his Lodge, Putnam Lodge No. 46 of South Woodstock, CT. We now have an opportunity to illustrate this well-done cover. Copies should still be available. The cost is \$1.50 each (not \$1.00 as I erroneously reported) and can be obtained from Bro. Richard F. Potter, 311 Route 197, Woodstock, CT 06281.



EUGENIO GARZON

Uruguay issued a set of three stamps on August 25, 1928, to note the dedication of a monument to him. Scott No. 391/3.



Eugenio Garzon was a military leader and a Uruguyan politician. At the age of fifteen he joined the Artigas Army and served without interruption in the troops to gain the Independence of South America. In 1825, while a colonel, he fought with his native country against Brazil and at the end of the war in 1828 he was appointed Minister of War for the Provincial Government. In 1833 when the revolution started against the President, Rivera, he fought on the side of the revolutionaries. When the movement crumbled, he fled - first taking refuge in Brazil and then Argentina. During the Revolution of 1838 sponsored by Rivera against President Oribe, Garzon fought for the government. Again when it failed he was forced to flee to Argentina. He also fought for Paraguay in 1851 and served in the Provisional government in that year.

Bro. Garzon was also cited as a Mason in the Internet Page issued by the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

BENITO NARDONE

Two stamps, Scott No. 717/8 were issued by Uruguay on March 25, 1965, for the first Anniversary of the death of Benito Nardone, President of the Council of Government.



This Uruguayan politician was a leading figure in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1952 the Assembly in Uruguay approved a modification of the Constitution and initiated a collegial system of government. On March 1, 1960, Benito Nardone, a charismatic leader of the "Partido Blanco" (White Party) assumed the presidency of the Government Council. He was confronted with the dangerous problems of a very feeble economy and met with considerable success.

Benito Nardone was cited as a Mason in an Internet page presented by the Grand Lodge of Uruguay. Bro. Nicolas Malosetti has added the information that Bro. Nardone started his Masonic career in 1924 in Caridad Lodge but demitted after five years. He rejoined in 1936 when he was introduced to Garibaldi Lodge. In this Lodge he achieved the levels of "learner - fellow - master".

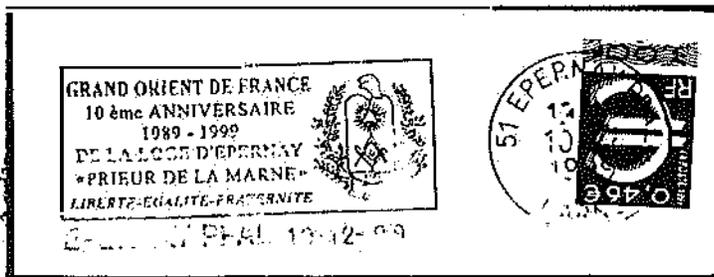
SANTIAGO VAZQUEZ

Another military leader and politician of Uruguay, Santiago Vazquez was also mentioned as a Mason in the Grand Lodge of Uruguay Internet page. Neither Bro. Juan Sabater Pie nor I were able to locate any biographical data on this individual. Can any of the members help?

Uruguay honored Bro. Vazquez on a regular stamp issued in 1946, Scott No. 538.



SPECIAL MECHANICAL CANCEL



Submitted by Bro.
Juan Sabater Pie.

USA MASONIC STAMPS - 2002

We are again honored to have Bro. Norman Lincoln's review of the planned 2002 USPS issues for Masonic relevancy.

Many Masons enjoy participating in winter sports. Some have performed in the National Hockey League; others have owned teams. Representing the latter is John H. McConnell of the Columbus, Ohio, Blue Jackets. He was raised 53 years ago while attending Michigan State University. A navy veteran of World War II, he is the founder of Worthington Industries which sells steel products. He is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a leader in philanthropy in central Ohio.

The Scottish Rite is also active in mentoring children with learning problems. This program has not received much publicity.

2002 is the Year of the Horse. Masons have served as cavalry troopers and movie cowboys. Listing their names would take many pages. Joseph Wheeler is an example. He was born in Augusta, GA, in 1836 and graduated from the US Military Academy in 1859. He was the senior cavalry general of the Confederacy in 1865. He served in Congress from 1885 to 1900 and fought in the Spanish American War and in the Philippines. He died in 1906. He was a member of Coutland Lodge No. 37, Alabama.

Langston Hughes, Andy Warhol and Ogden Nash were not Masons. Sylvanus Thayer was. He was also known as the Father of the US Military Academy at West Point. He was a member of King David Lodge, Taunton, MA. He was pictured previously on a 9 cent stamp, June 7, 1985, Scott No. 1352. Bro. Douglas MacArthur is also remembered as one of many Masons who graduated from the Academy. The motto "Duty, Honor, Country" is one which all Masons applaud.

Masons recognize two birthdays: when they were born and when they were raised to the sublime degree. Irving Berlin was born April 11, 1888, in Russia. On June 3, 1910, he became a Master Mason in Munn Lodge No. 190, NY. No more renowned composer of popular music has ever lived. Among his hundreds of songs "White Christmas" and "God Bless America" alone would have earned him immortality.

Though controversy surrounds Audubon's Masonic membership, all agree his paintings of birds of America are unsurpassed. June will see another on a stamp. The Postal Service managed to select twenty Masters of Photography who are not Master Masons. The selvedge of the pane will honor William Henry Jackson who was born April 4, 1843, in Keeseville, NY. After serving in the Civil War, he became a photographer. In the 1890s he took pictures in Yellowstone Park. He died June 30, 1942. Denslow cites he was a Mason - does anyone know his Lodge?

Harry Houdini has been honored by foreign stamps. He was profiled in Vol. 25, No. 3 of the Newsletter issued for Sept-Oct 2000 - page 1572.

Clifford Berryman (1869-1949), a Past Master of Temple Noyes Lodge No. 32, DC, created the "Teddy" Bear in a cartoon. Discussed in Vol. 21, No. 6, March-April 1998, page 1395.

Duke Pahoia Kahanamoku was born Aug. 24, 1890, near Waikiki, Hawaii. He won a gold medal in the 100 meter freestyle swimming at the 1912 Olympics. He repeated this win at Antwerp in 1920 and won the Silver at Paris in 1924. He was also a member of the 800 meter relay team which won a Silver in 1912 and a Gold in 1920. He appeared in motion pictures and was elected sheriff of Honolulu County. He was raised in Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, Oct. 30, 1946. He was also a member of the Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He died Jan. 22, 1968.

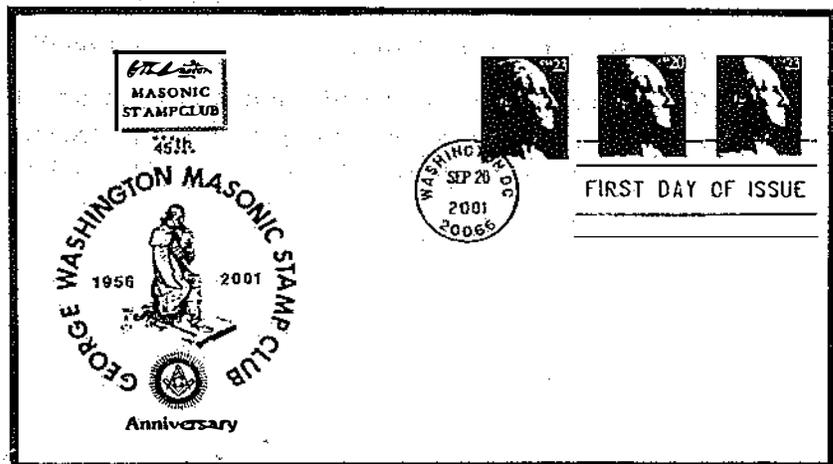
Were any of the women journalists in the Eastern Star?
 As far as is known, no bats are involved in any Masonic activities!
 Some of the 50 "Greetings from..." may have Masonic references. Stay tuned!!

NEW ISSUES

- Aug. 1 - Liberia - The people's champions, 2 panes of 6 se-tenant stamps each - includes Paul Revere
- Aug. 5 - Jordan - Al-Aqsa Institute, 2 values - both show the Dome of the Rock
- Aug. 8 - Jordan - Martyr Mohammed Al-Dorra, 2 values - one also shows the Dome
- Aug. 15 - Liberia - Queen Elizabeth II's 75th Birthday, pane of 6 se-tenant stamps - includes Prince Philip
- Aug. 17 - Chile - Bernardo O'Higgins, one value
- Aug. 27 - Ghana - Queen Elizabeth II's 75th Birthday, pane of 6 se-tenant stamps - includes Prince Philip
- Sept. 1 - Liberia - Millennium Stamps/Aviation Milestones, 4 stamps and 3 panes of 6 se-tenant stamps - includes the Spirit of St. Louis
- Nov. 1 - St. Helena - Napoleon's Early Years, 4 values

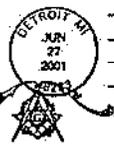
GWMSC ANNIVERSARY COVER

Illustrated with a "mock-up" in the previous Newsletter, here is the real product. It is available from Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560 for \$2.00 each plus a #10 SASE.



RECENT EDSSEL MASONIC CACHETED COVERS

Illustrated here is a set of the Baseball Parks stamps with wonderful cacheted covers prepared by Bro. Edsel Hatfield. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at PO Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042.

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TYRUS E. "TY" COBB
Baseball Hall of Fame

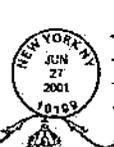
While in Top order in the league in batting, 12 times he captured an annual home run record that any other baseball player has never had and only one. Was elected into four players elected to Hall of Fame. Position LF & CF. AABA 227. Hall in Detroit. Shrine Detroit MI. EDSSEL




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FRANKIE FRISCH
Baseball Hall of Fame

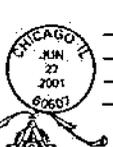
The Number One Shortstop of any day! New York Team. With the famous "Cashman Gang" he appeared in the World Series winning it in 1931. After becoming player manager, another in 1931. 1940 MO 448. EDSSEL

NEW YORK NY
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PAUL WANER
Baseball Hall of Fame

Forrest Field home of what may have been the greatest player in Pirates history. 1 in 200 or better 14 times. "Big Paul" had 312 runs in 1927 with 200 or more runs 11 times in 1927. Member O.C.L.G. # 118. EDSSEL

CHICAGO IL
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JIMMIE "BEAST" FOXX
Baseball Hall of Fame

Carroll's 116th Street on the 10th. Former Fox's. One of the greatest hitters he won four MVPs and a batting title. He hit two consecutive MVPs and 6 in 1920 with the team of three times in three consecutive World Series. Member to P.A.L.G. # 298. EDSSEL




NEW YORK NY
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JOE TINKER
Baseball Hall of Fame

On April 13, 1925 he released what was to become the most celebrated double play combination in baseball history. Tinker to Evers to Chance. He played 11 seasons for the Cubs, who won four pennants with Tinker anchoring the double play combination. Member B.M.P. # 836. EDSSEL




NEW YORK NY
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CHARLES "RED" RUFFING
Baseball Hall of Fame

Started one of the most famous Red Sox teams for career after being traded to the Yankees. He pitched on seven pennant winning teams & pitched 7.2 records in World Series play. He had the most curves ever of any Yankee Right Handed pitcher. E.L. 46 # 486. EDSSEL




CHICAGO IL
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CLARK GRIFFITH
Baseball Hall of Fame

A National League pitcher better known as a manager. He was named to pitch the Chicago White Sox game. As player manager he pitched and managed the team to the first Pennant Race. The one of the pitcher ever won a pennant as a player manager. Member W.A.M.P. # 17. EDSSEL




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LARRY MACPHAIL
Baseball Hall of Fame

He organized the first night game at Crosley Field (Pittsburgh). On 18 64 11. On 10 22, 1925 was F.O.A. (Herald L. 99 # 8) turned the 57th as on from the White House. Member of T.H.M. # 8. EDSSEL