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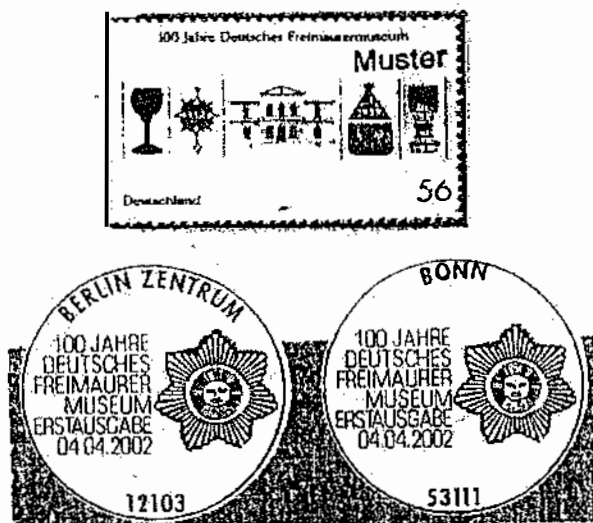
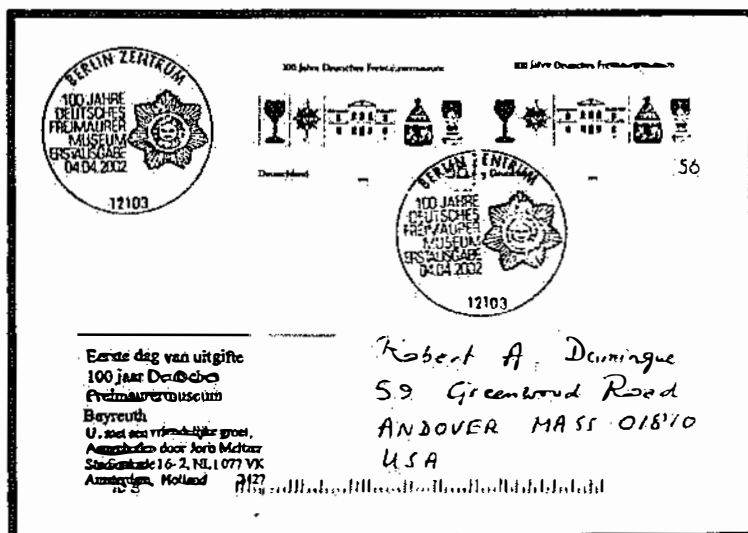
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## ANOTHER MASONIC ISSUE

On April 4, 2002, Germany issued a 0,56 Euros stamp to commemorate the Centenary of the German Masonic Museum in Berlin - Freimaurermuseum Bayreuth. Masonry began in Germany with the founding of the first Lodge, "Absaklon" in Hamburg. The museum honored was created in 1902 by Bro. Dr. Bernhard Beyer and in 1913 was the third most important museum in the world. The Nazi dictatorship closed all Masonic Lodges in Germany and tried to destroy the collections of this center. Stories abound that some of the material was removed before seizure and stored in caves within the country. After World War II, the museum was reopened in 1945 and today it is one of the more interesting museums in Europe.

A First Day Card for this issue is shown as well as an illustration of the stamp and a sketch of the Museum as pictured on the back of the card. Many thanks to Bro. Juan Sabater Pie for his information on the stamp and the kind benefactor who sent the card.



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### DUES ARE DUE

For many of the members, April marks their subscription renewal month. Please remit to Bro. Otto as soon as possible.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

136. Patrick Callahan, 6794 Dexter St., Littleton, CO 80122  
138. Jerome P. Rosenthal, P.O. Box 780206, Maspeth, NY 11378  
149. Norman C. Venzke, 3398 Monarch Lane, Annandale, VA 22003-1153  
337. Robert Gilbert, 113 S. Robeson St., Robeson, PA 19551 (previous member)

### **ADDRESS CHANGE:**

358. J. H. Meijer, Steggerdaweg 117, 8395 PE Oldeberkoop, Holland

### **CLOSED ALBUMS:**

90. Ben Rutman, late of Phoenix, AZ on March 23, 2002.

### **MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:**

Bro. Andrew R. Jackson was installed Worshipful Master of Century Lodge No. 764 in Indiana on December 20, 2001.

Bro. Willie Lightbody of Strathclyde, Scotland reports that he is very involved in Royal Arch and Knight Templar activities being in office in Preceptory and O.S.M. and working toward the Knight Templars Priest's Chair. He is still looking for copies of certain stamps picturing Marie Antoinette - Chad (Tchad) set of 1971, Sierra Leone stamp of 1989 and Madagascar stamp of 1989. He is also trying to develop a theme on O.S.M. using Armenia sheet on "Noah's Descent from Mt. Ararat" and Sierra Leone sheets of 1996 for "Samson & Delilah" and "The Cross of Christ appearing to Constantine". If anyone can help, contact him at "Cruach", 66 Jerviston Road, Motherwell, ML1 4AA Strathclyde, Scotland.

Bro. Kit Carson Price sent along a list outlining his Masonic history. It is indeed very impressive and takes 8 pages to relate. It cites 59 Masonic organizations to which he presently belongs or has been a member of. There are some he has demitted from and others of which he is an Honorary Member. (Good thing because I could just imagine the sum of his annual dues bills if he had to pay them all.)

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### ELECTION RESULTS

The election results are in and the returns were very pleasantly surprising. Although only about 15% of the members responded, this is considerably higher than what has been seen in previous elections. The results were:

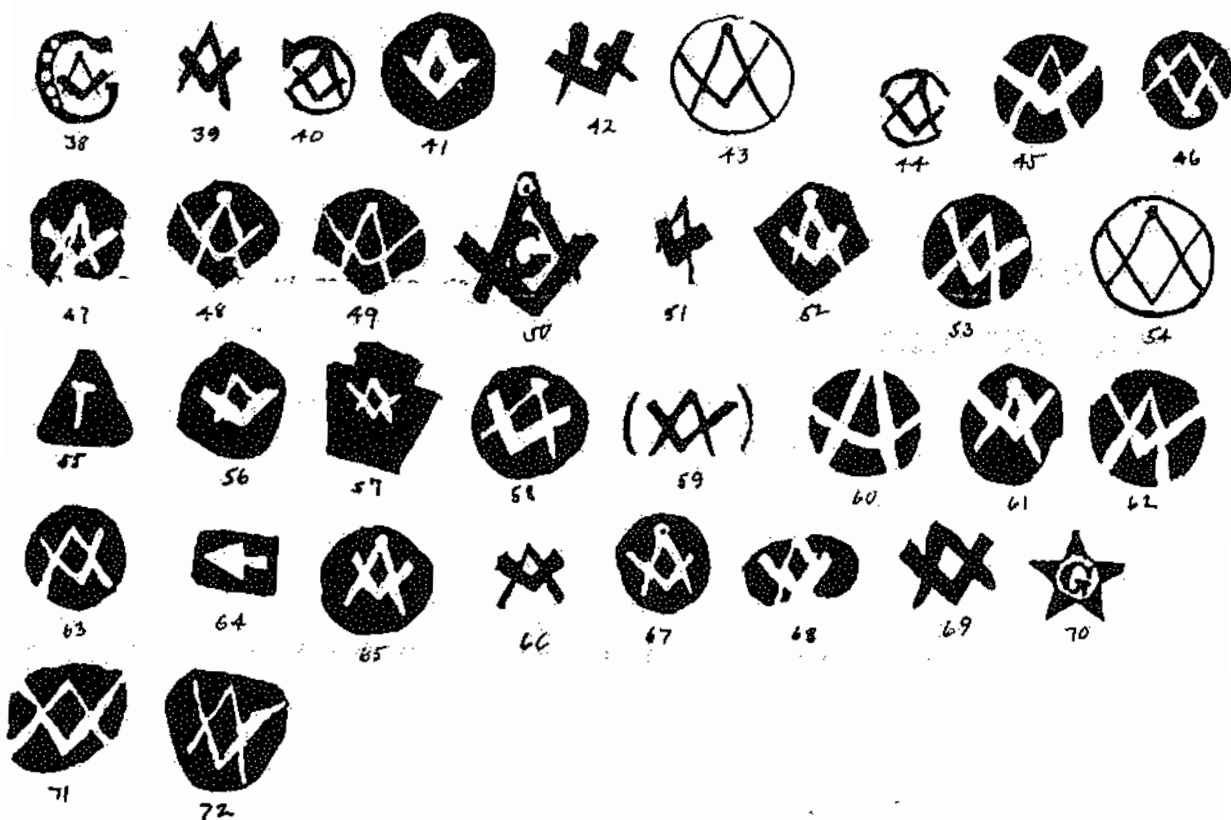
President:	E. E. "Gene" Fricks
Vice President:	Juan Sabater Pie
Secretary-Treasurer:	Otto L. Steding

The high bidder for the pair of Union Lodge, Nantucket, Masonic covers was Lewis S. Janzow.

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## MASONIC CANCELS

Bro. Gene Fricks has provided a copy of an October 1939 documentation of Masonic Cancels from the collection of Charles Wm. Graham. These particular cancels were found on the 1869 US Issue.



- No.  
 45 Nashua, N.H.  
 48 West Brookfield, Mass.  
 49 Derby, Conn.  
 50 Hartford, Conn.  
 51 Arlington, Vt.  
 52 Vermont, Ill.  
 53 Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
 54 Charlestown, N.H. (also on Bank Notes, in red and blue as well as black)  
 55 Deerfield, Mass.  
 56 West Chelmsford, Mass.  
 57 Bellefonte, Pa.  
 58 Painted Post, N.Y. (blue)  
 59 Oriskany Falls, N.Y.

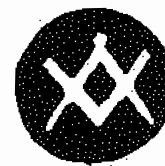
- 60 Westford, Mass.  
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 62 Nashua, N.H.  
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 64 Pittstown, Pa.  
 65 Franklin, Ind.  
 66 Painesville, O.  
 67 Barnetead, N.H.  
 68 Young America, Ill.  
 69 Bethel, Vt.  
 70 Huntington, N.Y.  
 71 Baltimore, Md.  
 72 Abingdon, Pa.



A Masonic (?) from a railroad. 3¢ green.

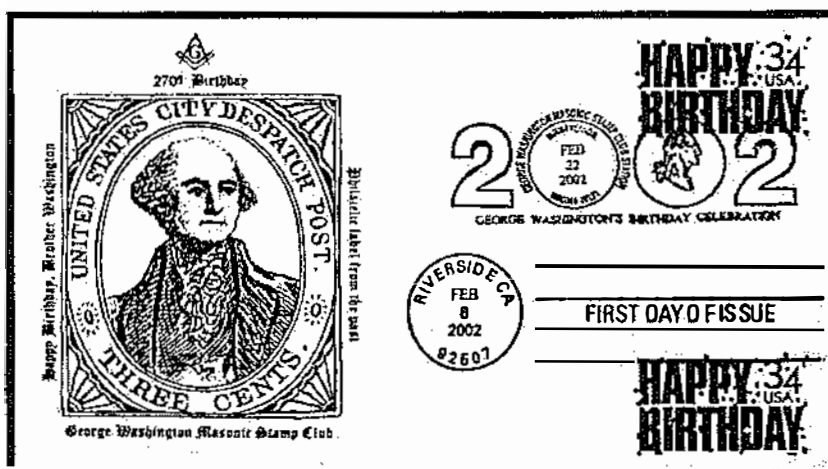


On Nos. 63, 65, 73



On 147 Saint Paul, Minn.

## GWMSC DUAL MASONIC CACHETED COVER



The GWMSC processed a limited quantity (50) of dual cancel covers for their Feb. 22, 2002, special Washington's Birthday cancel which already bore a Happy Birthday First Day cancel. Shown here, they are available for a cost of \$3.00 plus a #10 SASE from Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17550.

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC STAMP CLUB**  
Annual Meeting and Conferral of Master of Philately  
Sunday - February 23, 2003

George Washington Masonic National Memorial  
Alexandria, Virginia - North Lodge Room

Arrive by noon for Building Tour

1:30 - 2:00 P.M.....Assemble, Socialize & Review Covers  
2:00 - 4:30 P.M.....Meeting and Master of Philately  
4:30 - 4:45 P.M.....Reassemble at nearby Restaurant  
4:45 P.M.....Annual Banquet (Ladies and Guests invited)

If you have not received the Master of Philately Degree from the GWMSC and are planning to attend, please make Degree Reservations in advance with:

John R. Allen, Past President GWMSC  
2831 Swanhurst Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-2278  
jrallen@erols.com

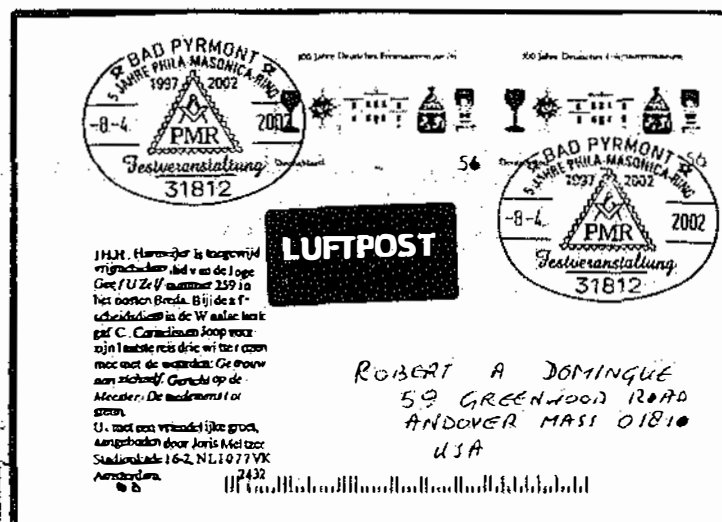
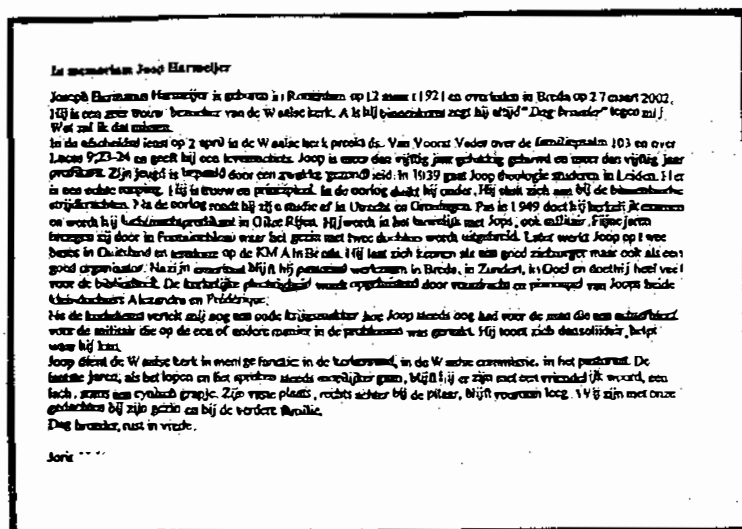
For Membership Application, see <http://GWMSC.tripod.com>

Editor's note: This annual meeting for the GWMSC has always been a great event. I have promised myself for many years that I would attend but one thing or another has destroyed that promise. By not attending, I have missed meeting many fellow Masonic Philatelists - some forever. Perhaps this is the year. It might be a great occasion for those of us on the East Coast to gather; consider it well. For those who have not experienced the Degree - it is a lot of fun. I received mine back in the early 1960s and remember well the several notables who were at that meeting. It is well worth the trip.

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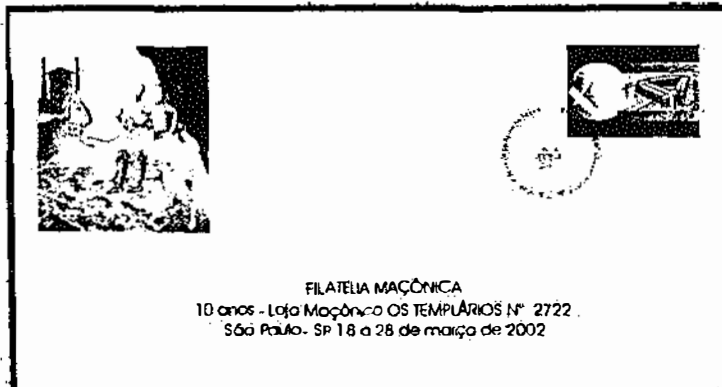
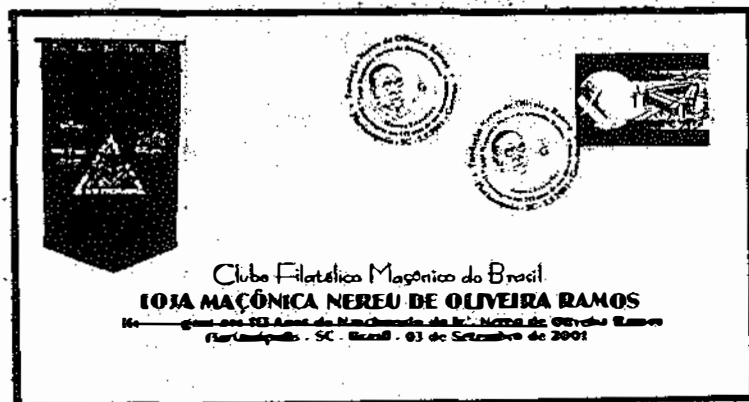
## GERMAN MASONIC COVER

Another German Masonic Postal Card posted on April 8, 2002, bearing the new Masonic Museum stamp was sent to your Editor. The front and back are pictured here - apparently, it was in tribute to Joseph Hermanus Harneijer (1921-2002) and was created by the Netherlands Masonic Philatelic Group, "De Getande Rand". If anyone could provide a translation, it would be sincerely appreciated and it would be passed on to the membership.



## LODGE ANNIVERSARY COVERS FROM BRAZIL

Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Brazilian Masonic Philatelic Club, has sent in a couple of Lodge anniversary covers - the 10th Anniversary of Loja OS TEMPLARIOS #2722, Sao Paulo, and the 113th Anniversary of Loja Nereu de Oliveira Ramos. Information on these covers can be obtained from him at PO Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, SC, Brazil. His Home Page on the Internet is: [www.geocities.com/Paris/Palais/5240/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Palais/5240/index.html).



## ADDITIONAL MASONIC WEB SITES

Some additional Masonic Web Sites have been identified by Paul Butler, Member No. 218 of England:

[www.grandlodge-england.org](http://www.grandlodge-england.org)

[www.freimaurer.org](http://www.freimaurer.org) (Germany)

[www.frimurer.no](http://www.frimurer.no) (Norway)

[www.freemasonry.org.il](http://www.freemasonry.org.il) (Israel)

[www.grandlodgens.org](http://www.grandlodgens.org) (Nova Scotia)

[sites@thefreemason.com](mailto:sites@thefreemason.com) (Masonic Magazine)

[www.militarymasons.co.uk](http://www.militarymasons.co.uk) (Military Masonic Web Site)

[www.masonet.net](http://www.masonet.net)

[www.thesquaremagazine.com](http://www.thesquaremagazine.com)

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## MASONIC ISSUE FROM PORTUGAL

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has also identified another Masonic issue. This one is from Portugal and was released May 9, 2002, to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the foundation of the Lousitian Grand Orient - the Grand Lodge of Portugal. An illustration of this stamp, although somewhat indistinct, is provided for your guidance.



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I must apologize for the lateness of this issue of the Newsletter. April passed by too quickly with too many things to do. I was on a business trip the last day in April and the first day in May and then spent 6 days on vacation in Cape May, NJ. Returning home and to work, the obvious happened - everything piled up and nothing had been done. I apologize but the Newsletter suffered. I now see why people retire at age 65 - there is too much to do outside the vocation. I am a month and a half past 65, perhaps I should retire.



## JOHN GILBERT - SILENT FILM STAR

John Gilbert was born into an acting family as John Cecil Pringle on July 10, 1897, in Logan, Utah. At the age of 17 he joined the Ince-Triangle film forces working in William S. Hart's *Hell's Hinges*, a classic Western. He went on to become one of the great stars of the silent screen but his brilliant career plummeted when sound came to film. Early in his career, he was co-starring with some of the top leading ladies in the industry such as Colleen Moore and Mary Pickford. He joined William Fox's new Fox Film Company and in 1924 joined Louis B. Mayer who had just merged with Metro and Goldwyn.

He starred in Victor Sjöström's *He Who Gets Slapped*, Eric von Stroheim's *The Merry Widow*, King Vidor's *The Big Parade* - all films which secured the success of the directors involved. Following *La Bohème* with Lillian Gish in 1926, he did three films with Greta Garbo which led to a carrying of their stage love to a real off-stage romance with marriage plans that never came to fruition. An unkind remark was made by Mayer about it for which Gilbert punched Mayer in the face. That was the turning point in Gilbert's career. That move, along with his alcoholism, eventually toppled him.



In 1929 Gilbert made his first talking picture, *His Glorious Night*, directed by Lionel Barrymore, which was a notorious failure. Hollywood rumor had it that Mayer had somehow sabotaged the picture in revenge for the slugging. In 1932 he was cast as a ruthless womanizer in *Downstairs* - a contrast to his reputation as a romantic hero. He was starting to rise again following Greta Garbo's request that he play in *Queen Christina* opposite her but he suffered a heart attack and died on January 9, 1936, at the age of 36. He had married four times and had made nearly 100 films.

John Gilbert is listed as a Mason in Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons* but no particulars are offered. Can any reader help by tying him to a Lodge?

- Article based on Denslow's book and an article in *Linn's* by Richard Thomas.

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## THE INVISIBLE POST CARD

In the previous issue, a Hillbilly Days Masonic post card was presented but the illustration was missing. Here it is.

Pike County's famous Hillbilly Days celebration held in April each year since 1977, draws thousands of Shriners and tourists to the mountains from nearly every state, the U.S. and Canada. Hillbilly Days was the inspiration of Howard Stratton and Grady Kinney and was proclaimed an annual Pike County event by Judge Wayne T. Rutherford. Hillbilly Clan #1, Outhouse #2 and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Planning Board. Thousands of dollars raised by the Clan from various activities during this event have been contributed to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

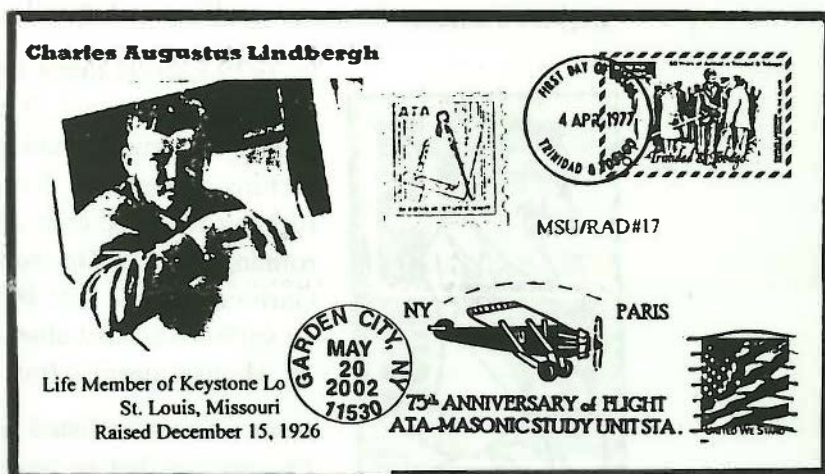
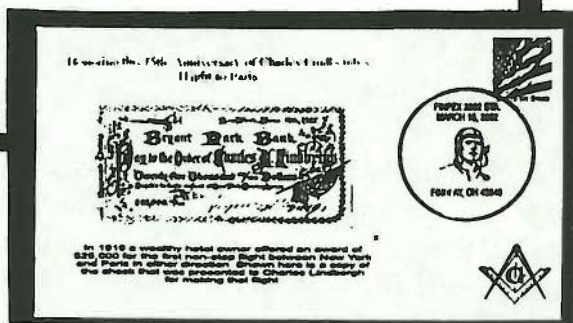
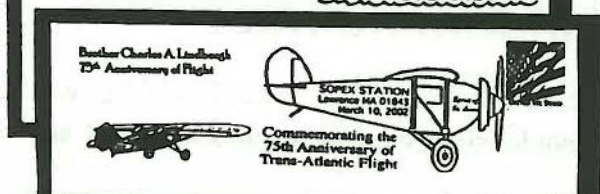
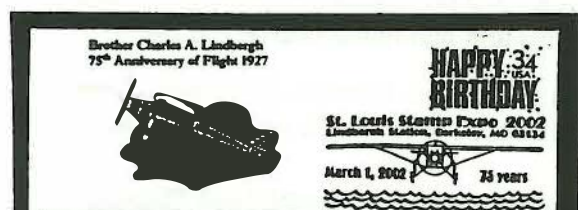
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## LATEST UNIT COVER AND CANCEL

As a direct result of Bro. Stan Longenecker's prodding and capabilities, the Unit is being credited with a special May 20 cancel honoring Bro. Charles A. Lindbergh's Transatlantic Flight and a cover to bear this cancel. Bro. Stan had to try several different Postmasters before he found one who would agree to sponsor the cancel - even then, there were some iterations in the design. The final product is being hosted by Garden City, NY.

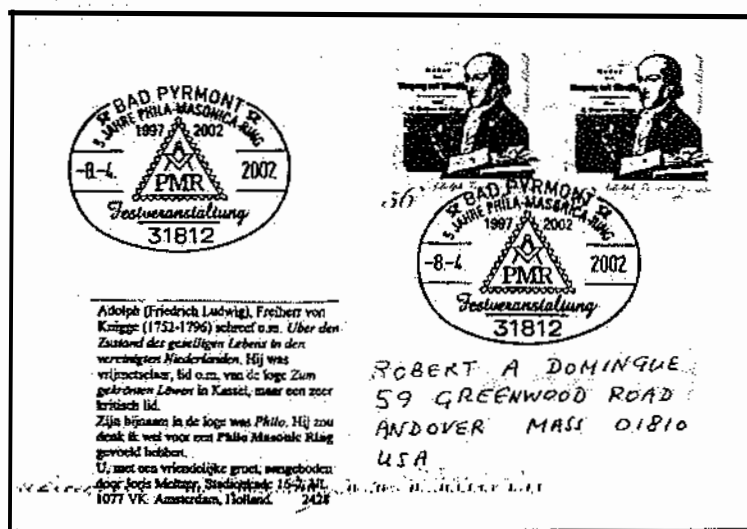
As may have been noted in Linn's, we are sponsoring a cover bearing this cancel. It is a dual cover which already bears a First Day Cancel of the May 4, 1977, Trinidad and Tobago stamp issued to honor Bro. Lindbergh. To this we have added an excellent picture of Lindbergh taken from a real photo post card of the era. Shown below, these covers are being offered by the Editor for a cost of \$2.00 each plus a #10 SASE. Only 200 are being prepared so don't hesitate to order if you want one. Several orders have already been received from the Linn's article. Thank you Bro. Stan for the effort and Bro. John Cunningham for the base cover. Some other special Lindbergh cancel covers prepared by Bro. Stan are also shown.





## ADOLPH FRIEDRICH LUDWIG, FREIHERR von KNIGGE

Another Masonic Cancel and new issue (probably First Day of Issue?) received by your editor this past month is shown here. (The common name and address on these cards, Joris Meltzer Stadionkade 16-2, NL 1077 VK, Amsterdam, Holland is undoubtedly a source of information on the acquisition of these beautiful items.) (J. H. Meltzer is Member No. 358 in our Unit) The stamp and card honor Bro. Adolph (Friedrich Ludwig), Freiherr von Knigge.



### ÜBER GEHEIME VERBINDUNGEN UND DEN UMGANG MIT DEN MITGLIEDERN DERSELBEN

Unter die mancherlei schädlichen und umhädlichen Spielwerke, mit welchen sich unser philosophisches Jahrhundert beschäftigt, gehört auch die Menge geheimer Verbindungen und Onsen verschiedener Art. Man wird heutzutage in allen Ständen wenig Menschen antreffen, die nicht von Wißbegierde, Tätigkeitstrieb, Geselligkeit oder Vnwitz geleitet, wenigstens eine Zeitlang Mitglieder einer solchen geheimen Verliedung gewesen wären. Und doch müßte es wohl nun endlicheimal Zeit sein, diese teils zu erklären, teils dem gesellschaftlichen Leben gefährlichen Bändnis aufzugeben. Ich habe mich lange genug mit diesen Dingen beschäftigt, um aus Erfahrung reden und jeden jungen Mann, dem seine Zeit lieb ist, abzuraten zukönnen, sich in irgendeine geheime Gesellschaft, sie möge Namen haben, wie sie wolle, aufzunehmen zu lassen. Sie sind alle, freilich nicht im gleichen Grade, aber doch alle ohne Unterschied zugleich unnütz und gefährlich. Unnütz sind sie zuerst, weil man in unserm Zeitalter keine Art von wichtigem Unterrichte in Geheimnisse einzuhüllen braucht. Die christliche Religion ist so klar und befriedigend, daß sie nicht wie die Volksreligionen der alten Heiden einer geheimen Auslegung, einer doppelten Lehre bedarf, und in den Wissenschaften werden die neuesten Entdeckungen zum Wohl der Welt öffentlich bekanntgemacht, müssen und sollen öffentlich bekanntgemacht werden, damit sie jeder Sachverständige prüfen und bewahren können.

Diese passage uit Adolph Friedrich von Knigge, *Über den Umgang mit Menschen* (1790), Frankfurt am Main 1977, blz. 193. Knigge's kritische houding t.o.v. de vrijmetselarij als er wel uit af te lezen. Hoe van al zijn instakke pogingen om de vrijmetselarij te hervormen heeft hij er aan het eind van zijn leven de brui aan gegeven.

Born October 16, 1752 at Brendenbeck, near Hanover, this noted German author wrote novels and stories and a translation of Mozart's *Figaro* (1791). His most popular non-Masonic work was *On Conversation With Men*. He died May 6, 1796.

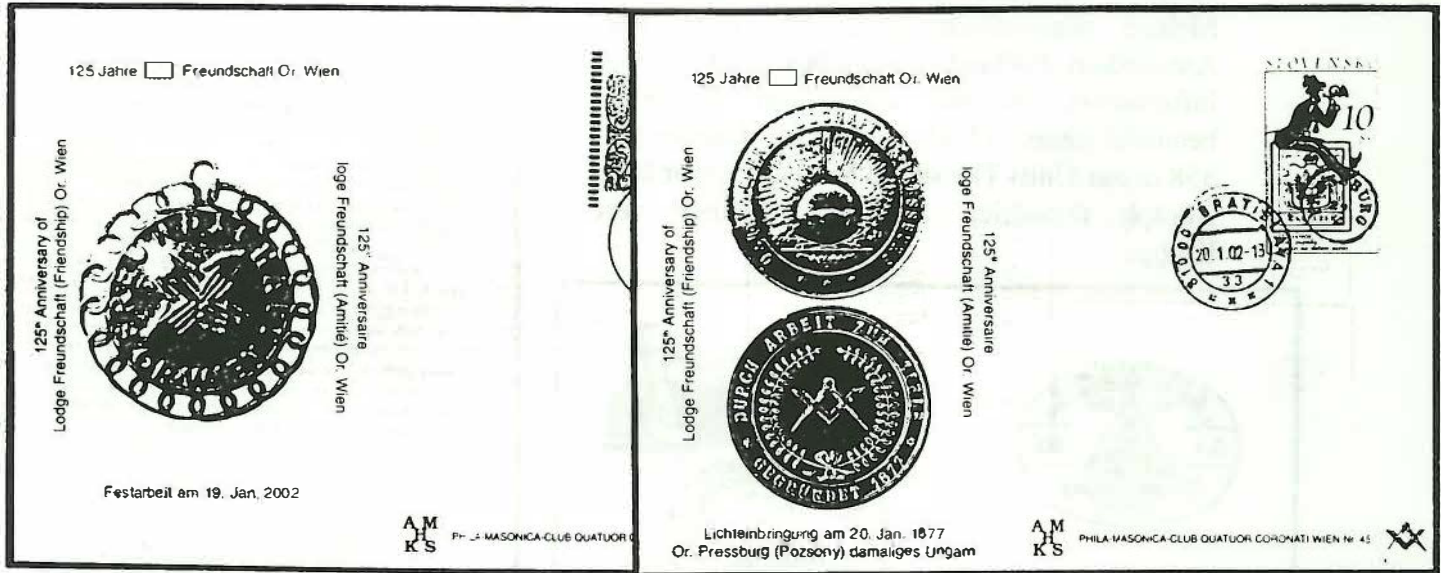
He was initiated Jan. 20, 1772, in a Lodge of the Strict Observance Rite at Cassel but was not impressed with the institution, writing Prince Charles of Hesse, that its ceremonies were "absurd, juggling tricks". In 1780 he entered the Order of the Illuminati which had been set up by Weishaupt, as a grandiose new society of his own with vague but vast aims. Among the Illuminati, Knigge was known as *Philo*. When he appealed to Weishaupt for more light, the latter confessed that the higher degrees did not exist except in his own brain and influenced Knigge to extend the system to the highest degrees, promising him full authority. Knigge secured the aid of Bode and was quite successful in propagating the rite. When Weishaupt interfered, Knigge became disgusted and withdrew from the Order and soon afterwards entirely from Freemasonry. He authored several Masonic books, the last one being *Philo's Final Declaration* (1778).

-Information from Denslow's 10,000 Famous Freemasons

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## COVERS FROM PHILA MASONICA CLUB

Two recent covers produced by the Phila Masonica Club of Austria have been received. They are for the 125th Anniversary of Lodge Freundschaft (Friendship) Or. Wien. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Bro. Dr. Herbert Schmid-Korlath, Hackenberggasse 29/33/3, A-1190 Wien, Austria, President of the group.



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## AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

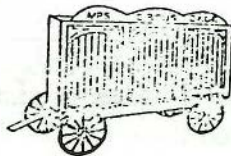
Bro. Peter Westbere continues to actively pursue additions to his collection of Masonic autographs on covers. He writes that he just recently acquired the autograph of Bro. Senator Strom Thurmond, age 99 - the oldest living and longest serving U.S. Senator. When his term expires January 2003, he will be 100 years old.

### The Great 1998 Milwaukee Circus Parade®

Milwaukee Philatelic Society



Ernest Borgnine



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Masonic Stamp Club

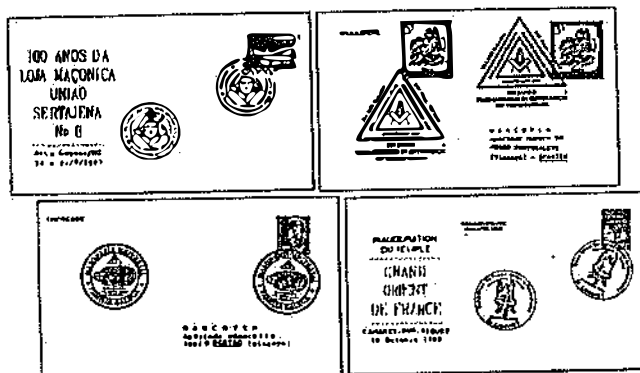
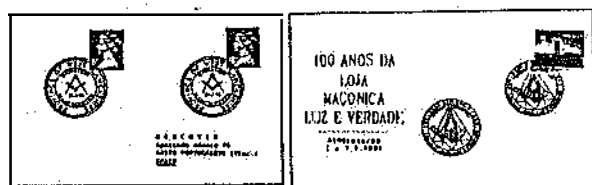
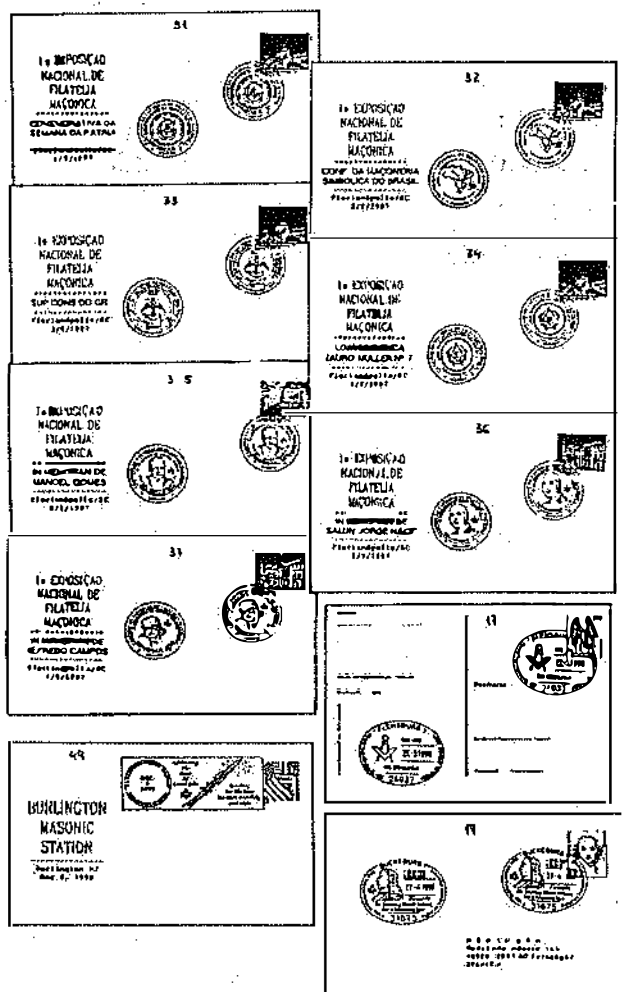
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## MASONIC CANCELS ON COVERS

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has located a source for various Masonic Special Cancels. The countries cited are Spain, Great Britain, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Brazil and the U.S. The costs vary but are about 3 Euros each (1 Euro = 0.90 US Dollar) plus a SASE. The contact is MARCOTEM, Apartado numero 155, 48910 SESTAO (Vizcaya), Spain. Phone/Fax (+34) 94 495 3334. If any reader would like a non-reduced copy of the illustrations shown below and the price list, please ask for it with a #10 SASE included.



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## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of note to a Masonic Philatelist have been cited in the philatelic media.

2001 - Ecuador - Alexander von Humboldt, one value

2002

Jan. 24 - Ethiopia - Traditional Beehives, 2 values.

Jan. 24 - Gambia - President Theodore Roosevelt, 4 se-tenant stamps

Jan. 24 - Sierra Leone - Centuries of Steam and Electricity, 3 panes of 6 stamps each. Robert Fulton and Benjamin Franklin are included.

Feb. 6 - Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Sierra Leone - Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee, normally 4 se-tenant stamps. Each set includes Prince Philip.

Feb. 11 - Zambia - 100th Anniversary of Nobel Prizes, 3 panes of 6 se-tenant stamps each. George C. Marshall is included.

Feb. 15 - Guyana - 100th Anniversary of First Nobel Prizes, 2 panes of 6 stamps each. Charles Richet is included.

Feb. 20 - Guinea - President Theodore Roosevelt, 6 se-tenant stamps.

- Guinea - 100th Anniversary of First Nobel Prizes, 4 panes of 6 se-tenant stamps each. Enrico Fermi is included.

Mar. 1 - Romania - Famous People, 6 values. Include Alexandre Dumas.

Mar. 25 - Kiribati - Explorers - 6 stamps plus a S/S. The S/S pictures Capt. Cook.

Mar. 28 - Guyana - Historical Events, 12 se-tenant stamps. J. Edgar Hoover, Alexander Fleming and Charles Lindbergh are included.

Apr. 4 - Australia - Expeditions of Nicolas Baudin and Matthew Flinders 200th Anniversary, 2 values.

Apr. 4 - France - Expeditions of Nicolas Baudin and Matthew Flinders 200th Anniversary, 2 values.

Apr. 4 - Germany - German Freemason's Museum 100th Anniversary, one value.

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Brethren and Sisters: As we embark on a new Unit Term with new leaders, we must all express our sincere thanks to Bro. Norm Lincoln for serving us so ably as President for several years. We appreciate the guidance he provided and hope that he will contribute articles and items for the Newsletter as he has been so prompt to do in the past. We trust that Bros. Gene and Juan will pick up the lead and continue with new, possibly different, guidance and leadership. Both have significantly added to the Unit and we expect that those contributions will continue and will grow. To all the members - please continue to contribute items of interest to the Newsletter so they can be appreciated by all.

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