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## NEW MASONIC ISSUE

It is Chile's turn to issue a new pure Masonic issue. On May 5, 2004, the postal authorities issued a stamp to commemorate the VII World Conference of Grand Lodges held in that nation. Unfortunately the illustration I have had to use here is taken from an eBay offering. I do have copies in the mail being sent to me by Bro. Antonio de Paiva. There is a limited number coming but I do offer them for \$2.00 for the mint stamp and \$5.00 for the FDC. It is a beautiful stamp and will be an asset to any Masonic collection.



I still have copies of the Bulgaria Masonic stamp, shown later in this issue (\$1.50 each), the pair of Republic of Congo Souvenir Sheets (\$10.00 for the pair), the Uruguay Anniversary of Masonry stamp (\$3.00 each) and many of the earlier pure Masonic issues. If you are interested, write for a listing of what is available. I have stamps and some FDCs.

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### **NEW MEMBERS:**

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### **ADDRESS CHANGES:**

None – that I know of.

### **MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:**

Bro. Joseph Harowitz of Norfolk, VA, is proud to announce that he will be receiving his 60 years membership pin next October. "I seems like only yesterday I was raised."

Bro. Roy Schwartz of Ocala, FL, informs us that he had a stamp article in the Scottish Rite Journal (Southern Jurisdiction). Congratulations and thanks for promoting the hobby. He also comments on the "old days" when Bro. Richard Needham was the Unit Secretary-Treasurer and members could expect to receive their membership card in a Masonic Cashed Envelope with a Masonic Emblem Mailer's Postmark. Perhaps I should investigate the acquisition of such a cancel and "jazz" things up a bit. We'll see.

Bro. Ed Floyd is planning on tweaking his exhibit a bit, we saw some of the pages in the previous issue of the Newsletter, and place it on exhibit at the annual Greater Houston Stamp Show to be hosted 17-19 Sept. by the Houston Philatelic Society, his local stamp club. Good luck, Bro. Floyd.

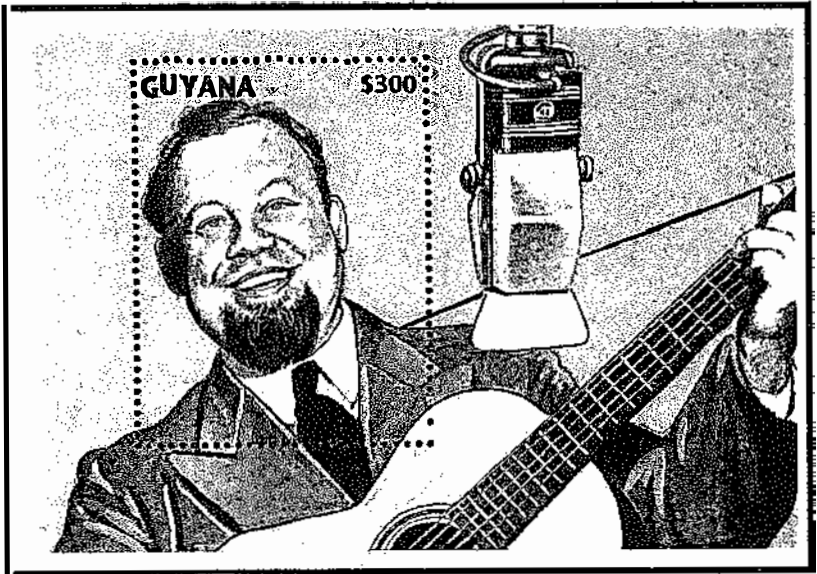
John M. Hotchner of the APS has issued a call for member units of the Society to submit a one frame (16 page) exhibit for Washington 2006. I submitted one for the previous USPS Washington exhibit back in the 1990s and have full intention of doing so for this show. It will help keep our name in the public eye and will promote Masonic awareness.

Bro. Norman Lincoln informs us that the Philaethes Society is "debating" whether Pierre L'Enfant (who designed Washington, DC) was a Mason as well as Alexandre Eiffel. (It really wasn't Eiffel who designed the Tower, it was Gustave Bonickhausen. Regardless of who designed it, it is still a very impressive structure and provides a great view of the city. The elevator in that edifice is one of only three in the world which are installed at an angle – the other two are the Arch in St. Louis and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.) Denslow, in his "10,000 Famous Freemasons" does not address either Perre L'Enfant or Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. Marshall Loke includes Eiffel in his records but clearly states that he was not a Mason. We will be curious to see the outcome of this "debate".

Your Editor was honored at the June Communication of St. Matthew's Lodge of Andover, his Mother Lodge, with the presentation of the Joseph Warren Medal for his service to his Lodges, Masonry and his community. It was a memorable occasion and a great honor. My family members were there as well as the Master and some members of the other Lodge I serve as Secretary – Washington Lodge of Lexington, MA. The D.D.G.M. brought along a significant suite for the occasion.

## BURL IVES

A reader of an article on Bro. Ives in my "The Stamp Act" in "The Northern Light" of the Scottish Rite (NJ) wrote that I had a couple of major errors in his birthplace and his football career. Researching all my reference sources, I found that the errors have been in place since "time immemorial" – this article hopefully will start to set the record straight. He is pictured on a souvenir sheet issued by Guyana July 25, 1996, Scott 3078.



Burl Ives, born Burle Icle Ivahoe, was born at Hunt City, **ILLINOIS** June 14, 1909. He attended **Eastern** Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston, Illinois, where he played football **his freshman year only**. He became a singer of ballads and folk songs and played minor roles on Broadway. He was in Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army", 1942, and began his movie career in 1946. His television series included "OK Crackerby" and "The Bold Ones". He made hundreds of records for Columbia and Decca and became known as "The Wayfaring Stranger". He died in 1995.

Bro. Ives was a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 242, Santa Barbara, CA, having been raised in 1977. He was also a member of St. Omer Commandery.

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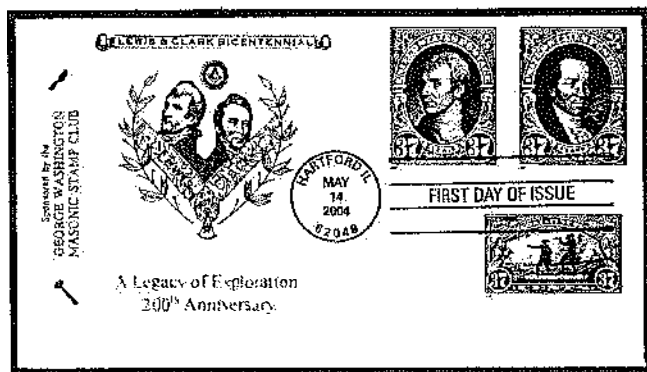
## ERRATA AND ADDENDA

The Republic of the Congo Souvenir Sheets were illustrated in the previous Newsletter. The top left individual on one of the sheets was identified as John Glenn – we have been corrected – it is Eugene E. Aldrin of Apollo 11 which was the first moon landing. Bro. Glenn never went to the moon. Thanks to those of you who pointed out this error.



The pure Masonic issue from Bulgaria was shown in an earlier issue with not much information. Information on this stamp is still sparse but we have learned that it was issued on Dec. 22, 2003, to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Re-establishment of the Grand Lodge in Bulgaria.

## GWMSC COVERS FOR LEWIS & CLARK

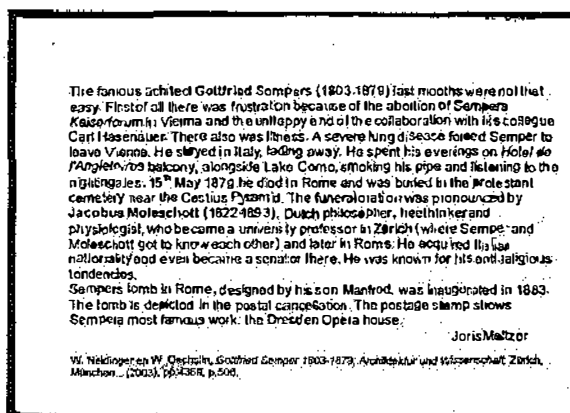
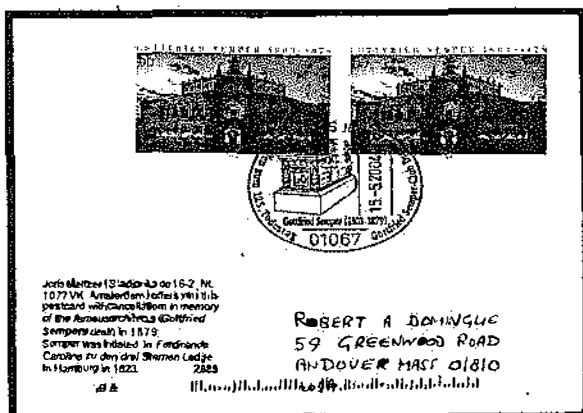


The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club FDC prepared for the Lewis and Clark stamps includes all three stamps as shown here and sells for \$4.00 each. There are also individual stamp FDCs at \$1.50 each but they are in limited supply. (The ad in Linns drew a lot of sales.) They can be obtained from Bro. Stan Longenecker, 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552.

## \*\*\*\*\* JORIS MELTZER MASONIC POSTAL CARD

Joris Meltzer, Stadionkade 16-2, NL 1077 VK Amsterdam, Netherlands, has prepared a postal card with a cancellation in memory of the death in 1879 of the famous architect Gottfried Semper. He was initiated in Ferdinande Caroline zu den drei Stemen Lodge in Hamburg in 1823.

Born in 1803, his last months in 1879 were not easy. First of all there was frustration because of the abortion of Semper's Kaiserforum in Vienna and the unhappy end of the collaboration with his colleague Carl Hasenauer. There was also illness. A severe lung disease forced Semper to leave Vienna. He stayed in Italy, fading away. He spent his evenings on Hotel de l'Angleterres balcony, alongside Lake Como, smoking his pipe and listening to the nightingales. He died in Rome on May 15, 1879 and was buried in the protestant cemetery near the Cestius Pyramid. Semper's tomb in Rome, designed by his son Manfred, was inaugurated in 1883; it is pictured in the postal cancellation. The stamp shows Semper's most famous work: the Dresden Opera House.



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Have you extolled the virtues and benefits of our Unit to your Lodge or a friend? We need new members—to bolster our ranks and to provide sources of more information

## JOSEPH WARREN

Joseph Warren's death at the Battle of Bunker Hill as portrayed in Trumbull's painting is shown on many stamps of the world. Representative examples from Maldives (Feb. 15, 1976, Scott 626), US (June 17, 1975, Scott 1564), Equatorial Guinea (Non-Scott) and Grenada Grenadines (Sept 30, 1975, Scott 94) are shown here.

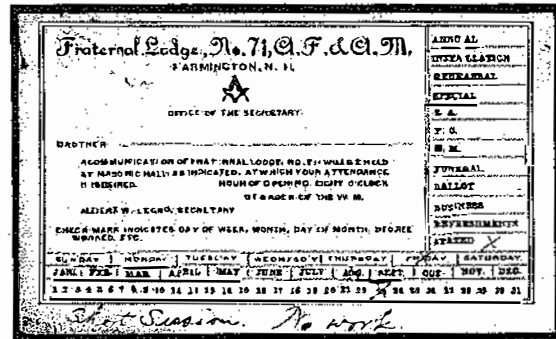
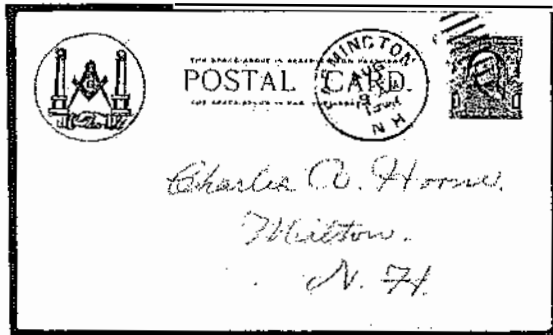


Born in 1741, Joseph Warren was graduated from Harvard in 1759. He studied medicine in Boston and soon acquired a high reputation in his profession. The Passage of the Stamp Act in 1765 aroused his patriotic sympathies and brought him close to other prominent patriots in Massachusetts. His fiery oration in 1772 on the anniversary of the "Boston Massacre" brought him to the fore as a leader of the patriots. He helped prepare the "Suffolk Resolves" which were adopted by a convention in Suffolk County, MA, and then the Continental Congress on Sept. 9, 1774. He was a member of the first three provincial congresses held in Massachusetts (president of the third) and an active member of the Committee of Public Safety. He was chosen a Major General on June 14, 1775, but three days later he took part as a volunteer in the Battle of Bunker Hill and was killed by enemy fire.

Dr. Warren was made a Mason in the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston. He was initiated Sept. 10, passed Nov. 2 and raised Nov. 6, 1761, though only 20 years at the time. He was elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1768 and Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1769 serving in that capacity until his death. He joined the Royal Arch Chapter in 1769 and the Knights Templar in 1770.

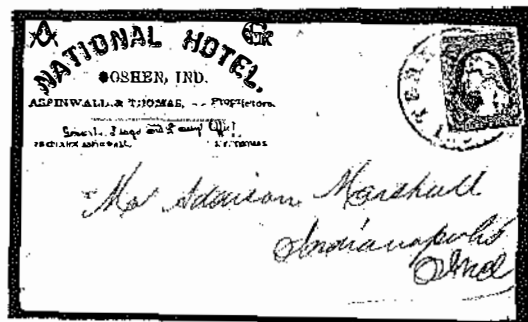
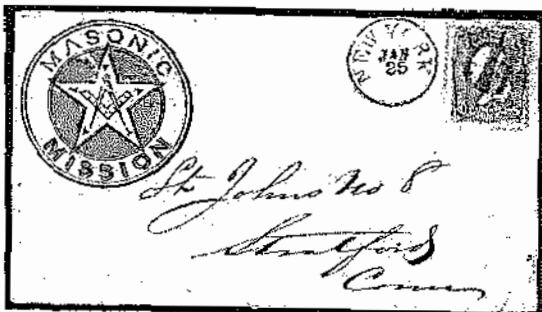
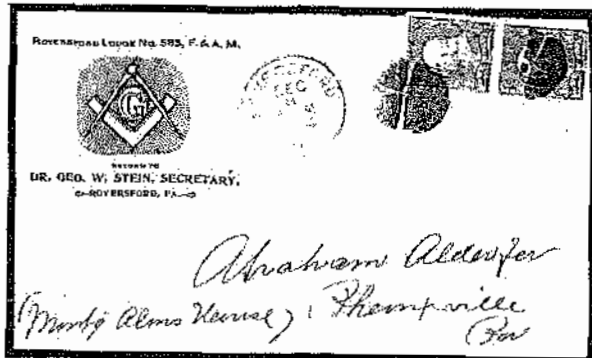
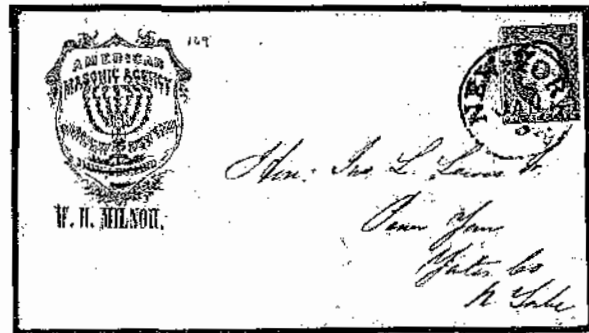
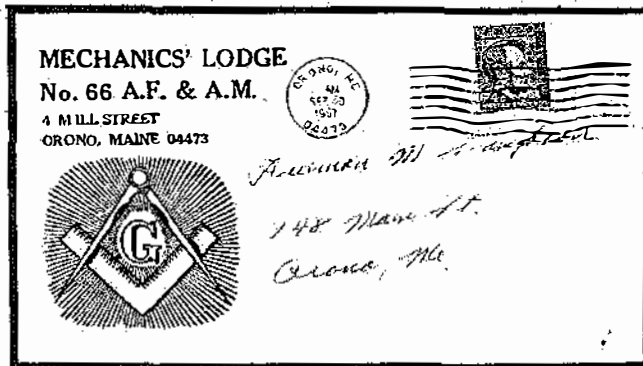
The Bunker Hill Monument was probably the first truly Masonic monument erected in the United States. Erected Dec. 2, 1794, in memory of Gen. Warren, it is thought to be on the exact spot where he died. It was a Tuscan pillar 18 feet high on a platform eight feet square and eight feet high. On top of the pillar was placed a gilt urn with the initials and age of Gen. Warren enclosed in the Square and Compasses. The inscription read: "Erected A.D. 1794 by King Solomon's Lodge of Freemasons, constituted at Charlston, 1783, in Memory Of Major General Joseph Warren and his associates who were slain on this memorable spot June 17, 1775." Many years later the Lodge presented the grounds and monument to the Bunker Hill Monument Association and the present Bunker Hill Monument was erected "around" the original monument.

# **LODGE MEETING NOTICE FROM 1907** **FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 71, FARMINGTON, NH**



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## **VARIOUS MASONIC LODGE CORNER CARD COVERS**



## BENITO JUAREZ

Mexico issued a set of three airmail stamps on July 18, 1972, Scott C403/5, to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Benito Juarez.



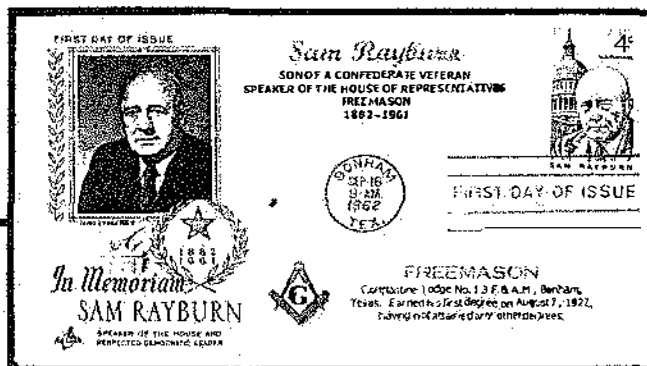
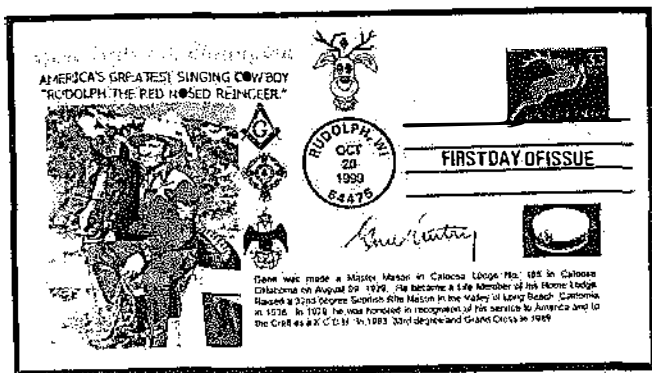
He was a very prominent Mason, serving as Master and rising to Sovereign Inspector General in the Mexican AASR, 33<sup>rd</sup>. His authority seemed to keep the rites together because after his death dissention arose and they broke up. Maximilian is said to have been made a Mason in Austria. He was a patron of Masonry in Mexico but it is not known whether he attended any Masonic meetings there. It is claimed that Maximilian appealed to Juarez as a Mason to save his life but Juarez proved the Emperor was not a Freemason.

Born March 21, 1806 in San Pablo Guelatao, Oaxaca, Mexico, his parents were pure Indian and died when he was four years old. He was brought up by an uncle and received a very good education. Admitted to the bar in 1834, he practiced law in Oaxaca until 1846 and was elected governor of that state in 1847. He was expelled by Santa Anna, a Mason, in 1853 but returned in 1855 to join Alvarez in a revolution against Santa Anna. As Minister of Justice under Alvarez, he wrote the "Ley Juarez" in 1855 which established special courts and reduced the power of the army and the church as both had become practically immune under the special courts. When Comonfort became president, he feared the power of Juarez so he named him governor of Oaxaca. Juarez again made many reforms in finance and education of that state and was regularly elected governor in 1857. He was also elected president of the Supreme Court at that time which, under the new constitution, made him virtually vice-president. Comonfort was forced by the liberal press to make him Secretary of the Interior.

Juarez was provisional president of Mexico after Miramon from 1857 to 1861. Three years of civil war followed but he was elected president for the term of 1861 to 1865 and, by self-proclamation, president from 1865 to 1867 as elections were impossible because of the French invasion. He fought against Emperor Maximilian and the French. Finally capturing him, he had him shot on June 19, 1867. He was elected president for two more terms, 1867 to 1872, and his later administrations were marked by many reforms and revolutions. For his honesty he is often called the "Washington of Mexico" and for his reforms, the "Lincoln of Mexico". He died of apoplexy on July 18, 1872.

## JOHN WHITE ADD-ONS

In the previous issue of the Newsletter I included an article about add-on cachets and one view of the ethics thereof. The author of that article was John H. White who operates as FDC USA. A couple of his covers are shown here as well as the statement which he puts on the back of all of his "add-on" cachets.



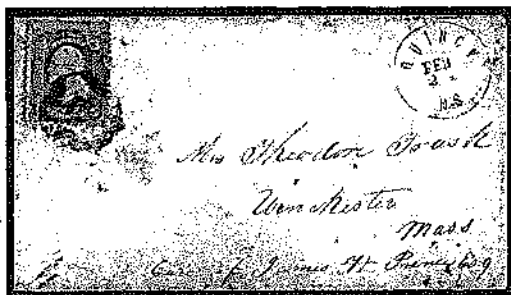
**FDC USA**

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

This is an Add-On cachet prepared for this First Day Cover after the fact. No planning was made for this design prior to the First Day of Issue of the stamp.

JOHN H. WHITE

## MASONIC FANCY CANCEL



A recently acquired Masonic Fancy Cancel from Quincy, MA is shown here.

## NEW BRAZILIAN MASONIC COVER

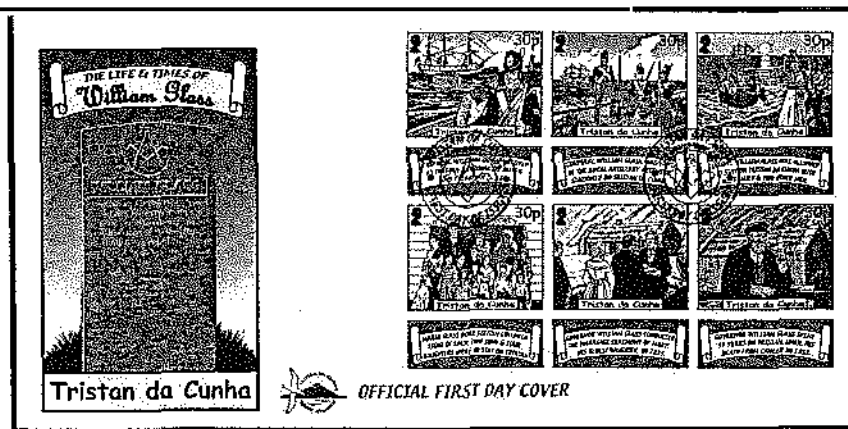
Information on the cover shown here, issued on March 12, 2004, can be obtained from Bro. Dr. Renato M. Schramm, Caixa Postal 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, S.C., Brazil.





## WILLIAM GLASS

A colorful First Day Cover was issued for the Tristan da Cunha set of stamps issued on November 24, 2003, to honor the Life and Times of William Glass. This cover was acquired from the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain.



The imprisonment of Napoleon on St. Helena after Waterloo posed a number of security problems and the British authorities decided to garrison the islands of Ascension and Tristan da Cunha against any attempts to rescue the Emperor. Capt. R. W. G. Festing, commanding H. M. S. Falmouth, was dispatched there from the Cape of Good Hope in August 1816 and within the next five days, a force of 18 seamen joined him. Three months later a permanent garrison consisting of five officers, three NCOs, 35 rank and file, eight women and nine children was sent out from the Cape arriving in November. A barracks was built and a stockade was erected around Fort Malcolm which was defended by two six-pounders. This garrison, which at its peak numbered 72 men, women and children, prospered until the edict was received in May 1817 to evacuate the island. The Admiralty decided that the cost of maintaining the garrison was not justified. In November of that year, the last of the military left but three men decided to stay on the island— Corporal William Glass, Royal Artillery driver and two others.

William Glass was born at Kelso in Roxburghshire in 1787 and, having been crossed in love while still a youth, enlisted in the Artillery in which he showed great aptitude in handling horses. He served in Germany and in 1806 was posted to the Cape where he stayed until he was sent to Tristan da Cunha in 1816. He married a colored woman and by her had a large number of children. Two seamen also stayed behind and in succeeding years the population of the island was augmented by shipwrecked mariners, adventurers and Creole women from St. Helena and the Cape. A careful inventory was made of the stores left behind by the military with full intent that a ship would return later to pick them up. After five years Cpl. Glass wrote to ask if they had to be paid for or were they a gift. This letter, as with previous ones, went unanswered.

By the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the population of Tristan da Cunha had risen to 41, 34 of which were Gov. Glass' immediate family. By an odd irony of fate, Glass died in 1853, at the age of 67, of cancer of the lip— the only person in the island's history to have contracted this disease.

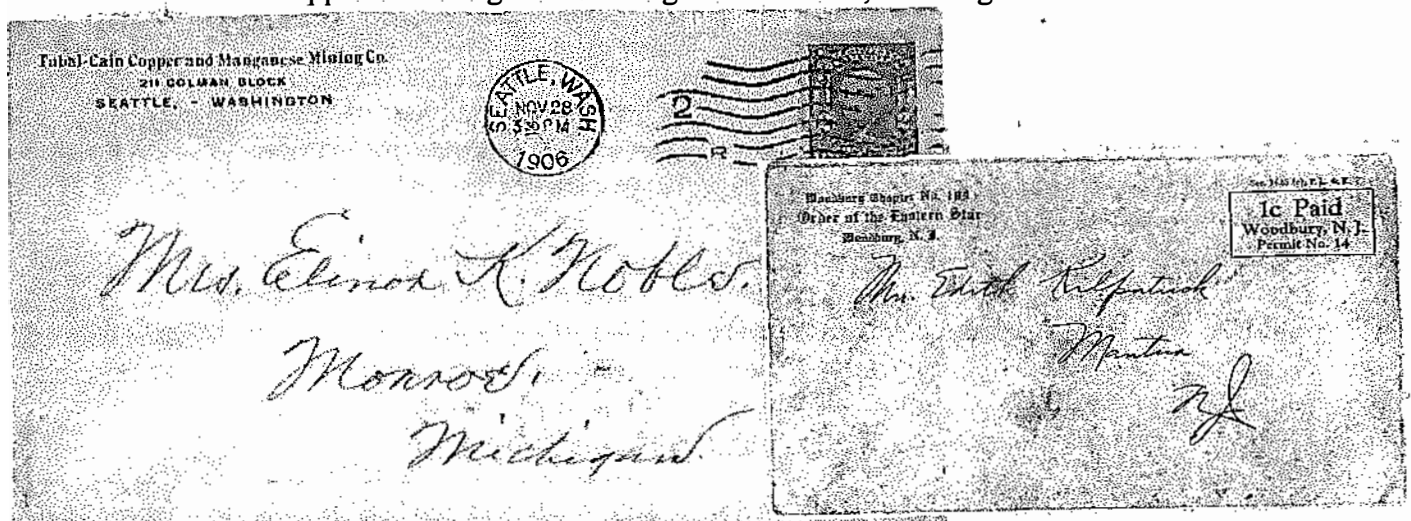
William Glass was initiated in the Cape of Good Hope Lodge (later Union Lodge) No. 456 on May 2, 1815. This Lodge was a military Lodge in the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Artillery stationed at Cape Town, South Africa. Glass withdrew from the Lodge in 1816, presumably when he left for Tristan da Cunha. The Lodge itself ceased working about 1827, its warrant was returned and it was erased by the United Grand Lodge in 1851. Glass does not appear to have joined any other Lodge under the English Constitution. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter attached to Lodge No. 456 on Oct. 10, 1815 and similarly withdrew on leaving Cape Colony. Glass' family Bible is now in the British Museum; his Masonic apron is in the Grand Lodge Museum nearby.

This article was submitted by Major George K. Gilberry, Nottingham, England in 1971 and was extracted from an article written by James A. Mackay.

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### INTERESTING CORNER CARD COVERS from BRO. GENE FRICKS

Pres. Gene Fricks provides these two interesting covers. That on the right is an early Permit mailing. Woodbury Chapter still exists. The other is a corner card sent from the Tubal-Cain Copper and Manganese Mining Co. of Seattle, Washington.



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### NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic Interest have been noted in the philatelic press.

May 3 -- The Gambia -- D-Day 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, four stamps, two panes of four stamps each and two souvenir sheets. W. Churchill is included.

May 14 -- Marshall Islands -- Lewis & Clark Expedition 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, se-tenant strip of three stamps.

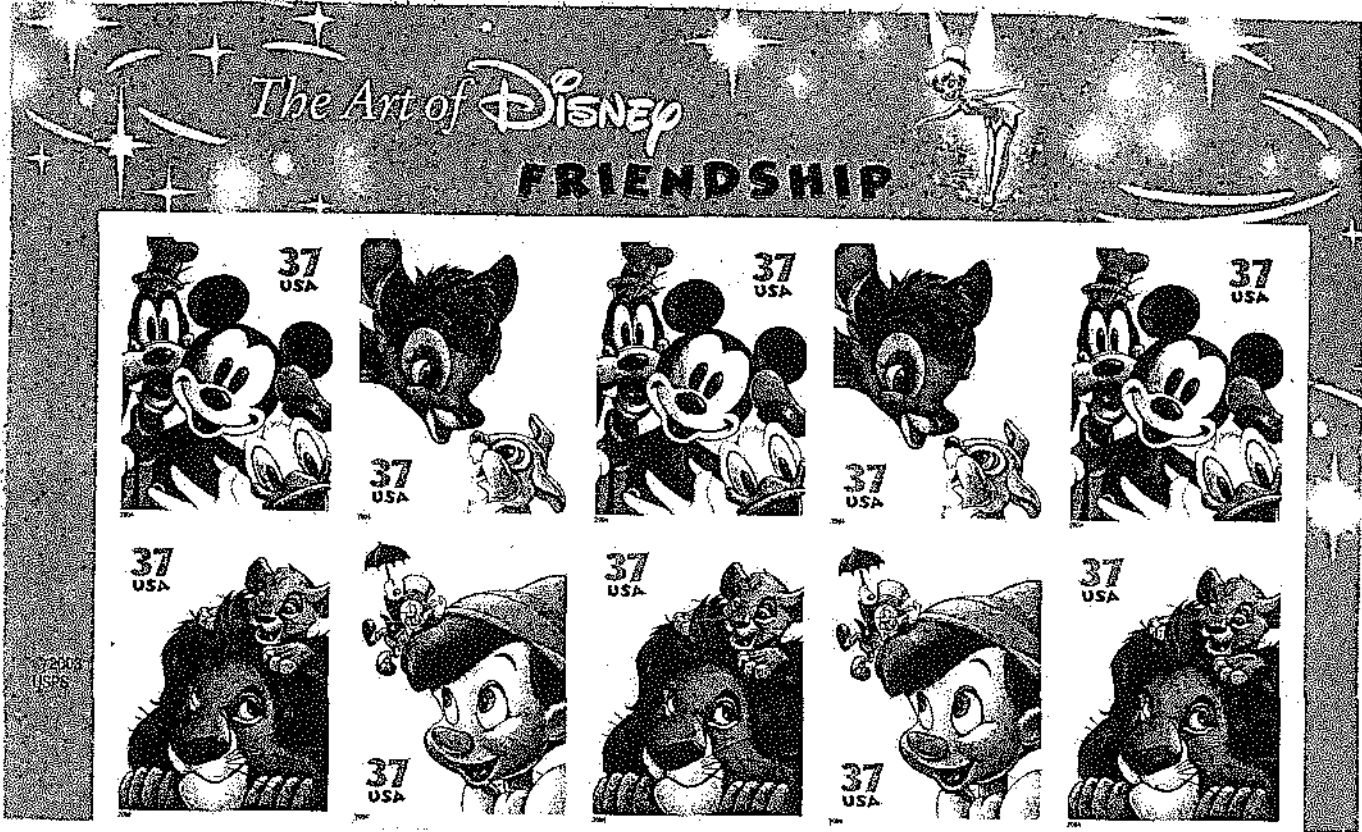
May 28 -- Monaco -- Crown of Napoleon, three values

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Some dues are still overdue -- we HATE to lose members. Please remit and get a new member to boot. Your expiration date is on the mailing label - YYMM

## USPS RELEASE FOR DISNEY

The recent USPS release for The Art of Disney can be considered applicable to our topic for two reasons. First, Walt Disney was a DeMolay but never joined a Masonic Lodge. Second, Bambi is shown — a creation of Bro. Felix Salter of Austria. The upper selvedge and two rows of stamps are shown here.



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## USS CONSTELLATION STAMP

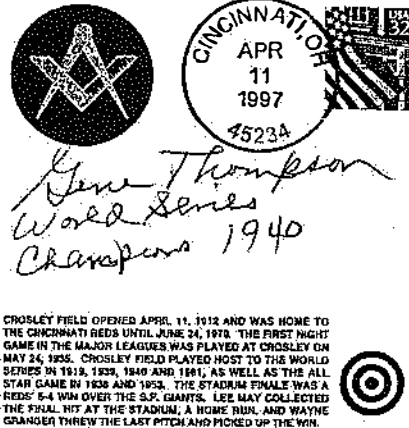
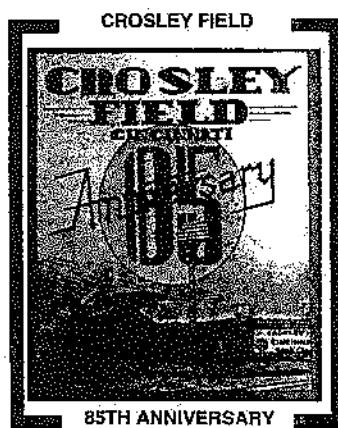
Bro. Norman Lincoln points out that there is a Masonic connection, although somewhat tenuous, to the new stamp issued on June 30 for the USS Constellation harbored in Baltimore, MD. Norman recalls that when he was stationed at Fort Meade in 1956, he visited the ship then being restored. It was lacking in masts and sails and few people even knew of its existence. It was advertised then as the original frigate built in 1797. What surprised him was the cramped space in the crew quarters. As a six-footer, he could not stand upright.



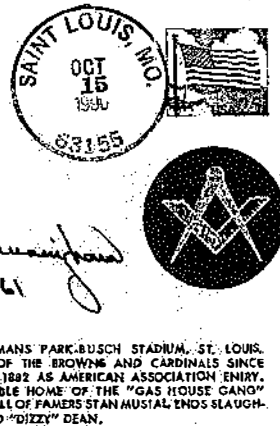
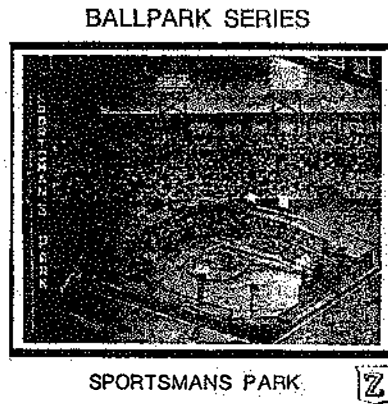
The USS Constellation, the last all-sail warship of the United States Navy, was used during World War II as the Flag Headquarters of Admiral King when he commanded the Atlantic Squadron. Rear Admiral Ingersoll replaced him when King became Chief of Naval Operations. Ernest J. King was a member of George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22, Washington, DC. He was active in Chapter, Commandery and Shrine and was the first Fleet Admiral in US History. Stuart H. Ingersoll was a member of Portland Lodge No. 1, Portland, ME.

## MORE MASON AUTOGRAPH ON COVERS

Another nice selection of covers from Bro. Peter Westbere's collection.

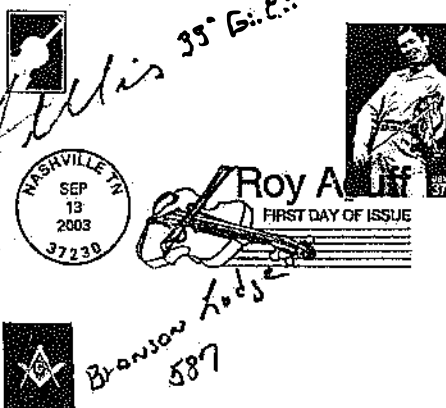


Bro. Gene Thompson – Cincinnati Reds  
And New York Giants. Now a Scout  
Member of Mason Lodge #8, Illinois



Bro. Joe Cunningham – St. Louis Cardinals  
Chicago White Sox, Washington Senators  
New Jersey Lodge #212

ROY CLAXTON ACUFF (1903-1992)  
From medicine show to his own band  
"Smokey Mountain Boys". Roy moved  
up to become, "KING OF COUNTRY  
MUSIC". Regular performer on Grand  
Ole Opry, and during WWII with band  
Visited US Armed Forces around the  
World bringing country music to new  
Nations. 30,000,000 records such as  
Great Speckled Bird, Wreck On The  
Highway, Precious Jewel and Wabash  
Cannonball. The first living performer  
inducted into the Country Music Hall  
Of Fame. Masonic affiliations include:  
East Nashville Lodge #500; Edward G.  
Corbitt Chap. No. 147 RAM; Nashville  
Council No. 1, RSM; Nashville Comm.  
No. 1 KT; Honorary 33 degree AASR  
(53); Music Unit Shriner, Al Mench



Bro. Mel Tillis  
Country Music Hall of Fame  
Branson Lodge #587, Branson, MO



Paul Hopkins

Bro. Paul Hopkins  
Pitched Babe Ruth's 59<sup>th</sup> Home Run in 1927  
Hamilton Lodge #120, Hamilton, NY



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE