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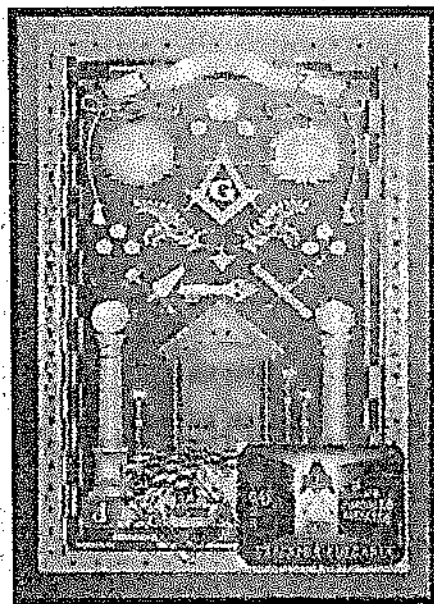
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## MORE PURE MASONIC ISSUES – GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE

Now that Bulgaria has “broken the ice” with their release in December 2003, they have issued another pure Masonic stamp. This one is to commemorate 125 years of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. I have not yet determined the exact release date but I believe it was in September. Illustrations of Maxim cards offered on eBay are shown here. I have ordered copies of this stamp but they have not arrived yet. In the next issue of the Newsletter I will provide the details of acquisition for those who are interested.



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### MASONIC SYMBOL STAMPS FROM BRAZIL

In the previous Newsletter I mistakenly credited the design of these stamps to Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil. I have been corrected by a couple of members as well as the official brochure for the set. The stamps were designed by Joao Guilherme.

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### NEW CONGO SHEET

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has issued another souvenir sheet (undoubtedly also speculative) as a tribute to Ronald Reagan. There are Masonic symbols in the margin as was the case for two previous issues however most of the individuals shown were not Freemasons – Reagan, J. Carter, R. Nixon, J. F. Kennedy, G. Washington and G. Ford are included. I am not illustrating it – the option to buy it is yours.

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Bro. Hill informs us that he just recently had the pleasure and honor of attending the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, INC. Jurisdiction of Virginia where his brother Kenneth Hill was elected to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master on September 18, 2004.

Bro. Stan Longenecker has announced that he will be participating as a member of the German Regiment in the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "March In" of the troops to the Morristown encampment at the Morristown National Historical Park in Morristown, NJ, on December 4-5, 2004. The activities include presentations each day at the Pennsylvania Line huts, firing demonstrations and activities at the Ford Mansion (Washington's Headquarters) as part of Morristown's traditional "Holly Walk". He invites all members who are in that area to drop by and enjoy the festivities.

Our President, Bro. Gene Fricks has a new e-mail address – [genefricks@comcast.net](mailto:genefricks@comcast.net)

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### BRAZILIAN MASONIC SEAL/STAMP



Bro. Antonio Guilherme de Paiva has been able to secure a significant quantity of the personalized stamp which honors the AASR in his country. I have purchased a small quantity of them from him that I will offer for \$2.00 (plus SASE) for the pair of the personalized stamp and the regular issue as shown here. Bro. Antonio entertains orders – probably for about the same price. His address is Rua Capital Vilarim, 25 – Fabricas – 36301-008 – S.J. Del Rei/MG/Brasil. He can also be reached through his daughter's address: 12335 Shadowpoint Dr., Houston, TX 77082.

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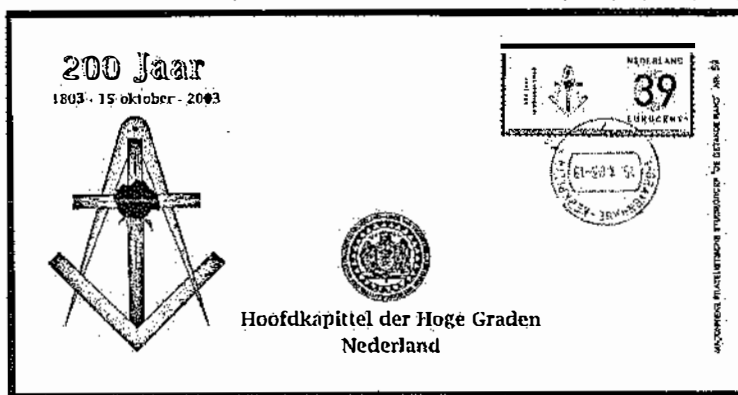
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## PERSONALIZED STAMPS FROM THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Masonic Stamp Club, De Getande Rand, was able to take advantage of the personalized stamps of their country and issue sheets with the logo design of the club. They were printed in sheets of ten stamps and a full size illustration is shown to enhance the "readability" of the design. Thank you for sharing this with us.



Use of this stamp on a Masonic Cacheted Cover has also been demonstrated to us.



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## AUSTRIAN PERSONALIZED STAMP

You will recall that in the previous Newsletter, an Austrian Stamp or Seal was illustrated. Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath informs us that this is a personal stamp which is valid for postage within Austria and any European country. The price for this personal stamp was high so the Club was only able to afford 1500 of them – they were issued on May 3, 2004.



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## JOHN WAYNE ISSUE BY THE USPS

September 9, 2004 marked the release of the Legends of Hollywood stamp and sheet in honor of John Wayne. The first-day ceremony was held at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, CA. The design of the stamp by Derry Noyes of Washington, DC, is based on a painting by Drew Struzan of Pasadena, CA which ties to John Ford's *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962). The selvage art is also by Struzan and depicts Wayne in another Ford film *The Searchers* (1956).



John Wayne, born as Marion Morrison in Winterset, Iowa, in 1907, was a member of McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, Arizona.

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## LEWIS & CLARK LIFE ON CHRISTMAS DAY – 200 YEARS AGO

Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded a Lewis & Clark calendar page for December 1804. It is interesting to note what they did on Christmas Day during their famous trek.

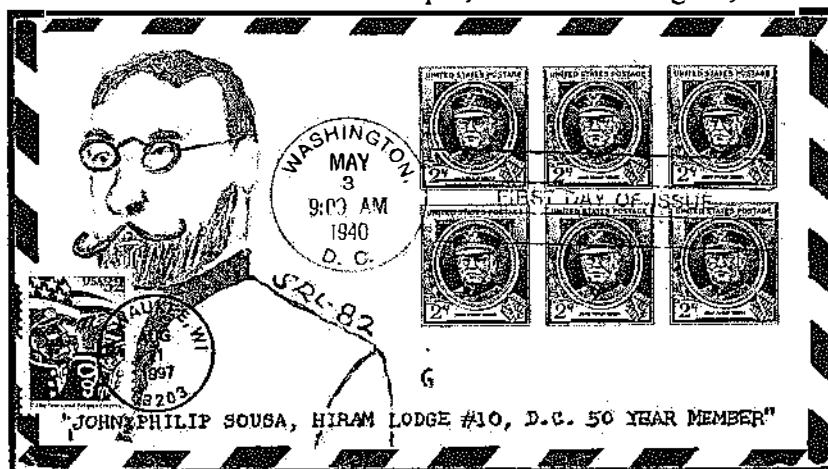
*Celebrating Christmas in the style of the time, the enlisted men and civilian boatmen all fire off three volleys of gunshots in the morning, awaking the captains. Clark authorizes a round of rum, and allows the cannons to be fired when the flag is raised. Although some go out to hunt, others spend the day dancing and "frolicking" until 9 P.M.*

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Please try to promote our Newsletter to other Masons and Philatelists. We need new members.

## JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded this unique hand-painted cover which he did in 1982 for the John Philip Sousa issue of May 8, 1940. He also provided a chronological history of highlights of his life. Bro. Sousa was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, DC. He petitioned the Lodge on June 3, was initiated July 15 and raised November 18, 1881. He was also a member of Eureka Chapter No. 4 R.A.M. in Washington, DC and was knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2, K.T. December 10, 1886. He was a Shriner in Almas Shrine Temple, also in Washington, DC.



Born November 6, 1854 in Washington, DC, he was the third of ten children of John Antonio (born in Spain) and Maria Elisabeth Trinkhaus (born in Bavaria). His father played trombone in the U.S. Marine Band. He began his musical study around the age of six, studying voice, violin, piano, flute, cornet, baritone, trombone and alto horn. His father enlisted him in the Marines at the age of 13 as an apprentice after he attempted to run away to join a circus band. He published his first composition, "Moonlight on the Potomac Waltzes" in 1872 and three years later was discharged from the Marines to begin performing on the violin, touring and then conducting theater orchestras.

He married in December 1879 and the following year returned to Washington, DC to assume leadership of the U.S. Marine Band. After serving in this role from 1880 to 1892 he was convinced to resign and organize a civilian concert band. The first Sousa Band concert was performed September 26, 1892 at Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, NJ. His first successful operetta, *El Capitan*, debuted in 1895 and he received the inspiration for *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, while on a return voyage from Europe in 1896. He toured Europe and the rest of the world with his band from 1900 to 1910 and in 1917 he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve at the age of 62 being assigned the rank of lieutenant and paid a salary of \$1 per month. After the war he continued to tour with his band and championed the cause for musical education. He died in 1932 at the age of 77 after conducting a rehearsal of the Ringgold Band in Reading, PA. The last piece he conducted was *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION



Bro. Norman Lincoln was able to perform some detailed research into the scene depicted on the Washington Inauguration stamp of 1939. Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887) painted the picture. The persons are identified, from left to right, (by Bro. Christopher Murphy) as Robert Livingston, Arthur St. Clair, Samuel Otis, Henry Knox, Roger Sherman, George Washington, Baron von Steuben and John Adams. Also believed to be in the picture are John Jay, Henry Lee, Meriwether Lewis, Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg and George Clinton. It is interesting to note that most of these individuals were Masons.

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## FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB

In 2005 the Rotary Club will celebrate its centennial. Two of the four founders of Rotary were Masons. Paul Harris is well known. Augustus Henry Loehr, 1864-1918, is not. The Club was started in his office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street in Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905. He was a mining engineer and jeweler. He was raised in Lakeside Lodge No. 739 in 1886.



Bro. Norman Lincoln was able to gather this information from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Rotary International websites.

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## LAST OF THE GAR and UCV VETERANS



The September 13 issue of Linn's carried an article on the last survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Civil War Union Army. It includes this picture of James Hard, who died March 11, 1953 in Rochester, NY at the age of 111, the oldest living Union soldier at the time of his death. He is pictured with his great-grandson at a meeting of the Masonic war veterans post named in his honor. The Masonic emblem is visible on the great-grandson's shoulder patch and hat.

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## LEROY GORDON COOPER

Bro. Leroy Gordon Cooper, one of the Original Seven Astronauts, died of natural causes October 4, 2004, at the age of 77 in his Ventura, CA home. As one of the nation's first astronauts, he became a hero to a generation of Americans in the early 1960s as the country tried to catch the Soviet Union in the space race. On May 15, 1963, he piloted Faith 7, the Mercury program's last flight, circling the globe 22 times in 34 hours and 20 minutes. He was also the first astronaut to sleep in space. A serious glitch materialized in Faith 7's final orbits when a short-circuit left its automatic stabilization and control system without electric power. With carbon dioxide levels rising in both Cooper's suit and the cabin, he issued the classic understatement, "Things are beginning to stack up a little." He then radioed that he would pursue a manual re-entry. Fellow Mercury program astronaut, Bro. John Glenn, recalled that the onboard clock was not working properly. Cooper relied on Glenn's voice for a manual countdown for the timing of the firing rockets that would ensure landing in the right spot.

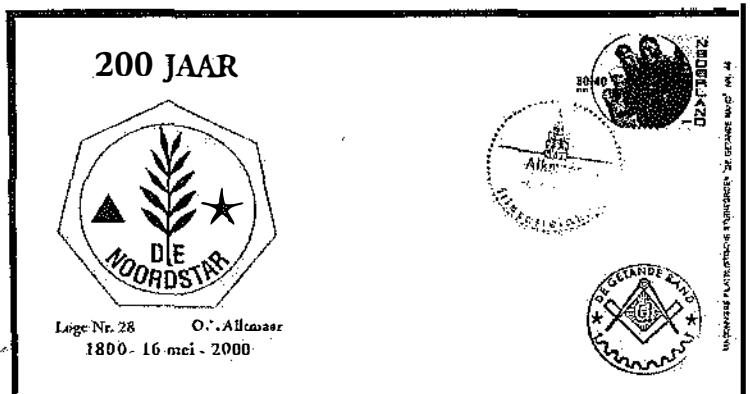
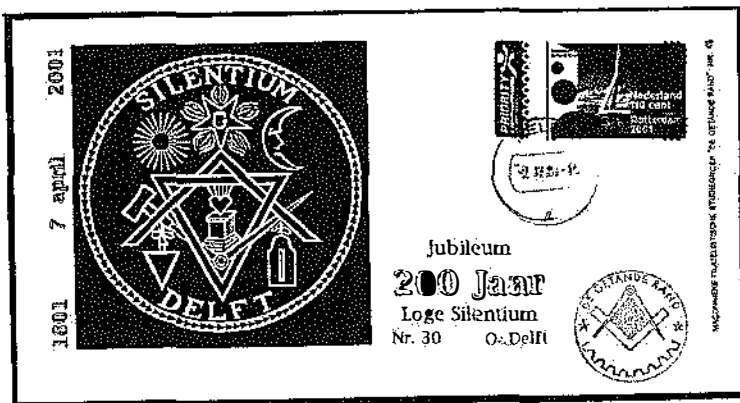


Bro. Cooper was a member of Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Colorado

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## COVERS FROM DE GETANDE RAND

Two very attractive Masonic Cacheted Covers have been published by the Netherlands Masonic Stamp Club, De Getande Rand. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Ing. H. J. Godthelp, Weurden 53, 7181 MH Winterswijk, The Netherlands.



## NEW ISSUES

The following releases of Masonic note have been announced in the philatelic media:

Nov. 5, 2003 – Dominican Republic – Jose Marti, 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value

Jan. 28, 2004 – Cuba – Jose Marti, nine values

June 15 – Sri Lanka – World Blood Donors Day, one value

June 22 – Nicaragua – Painting by Ruben Dario, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one value

July 1 – Grenada Carriocca & Petite Martinique – D-Day, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, four stamps,  
Two panes of 4 se-tenant stamps and 2 S/S – include W. Churchill

Aug. 20 – Brazil – Masonry. Block of four se-tenant stamps

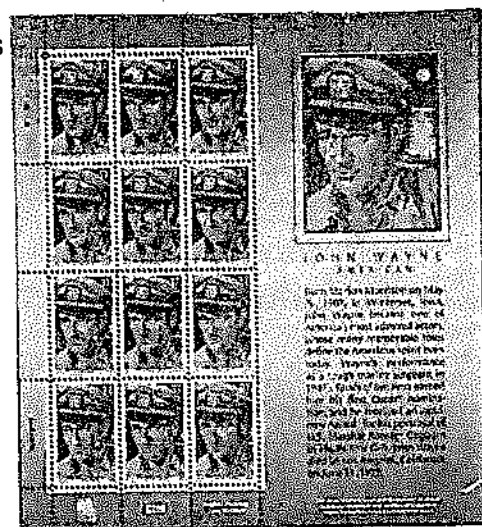
Aug. 20 – San Marino – Characters from Literature, three values – include Oscar Wilde

Aug. 24 – Marshall Islands – Lewis & Clark Expedition, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, se-tenant strip of three stamps

Aug. 25 – Singapore – A Stamp Journey, three values – includes King George VI

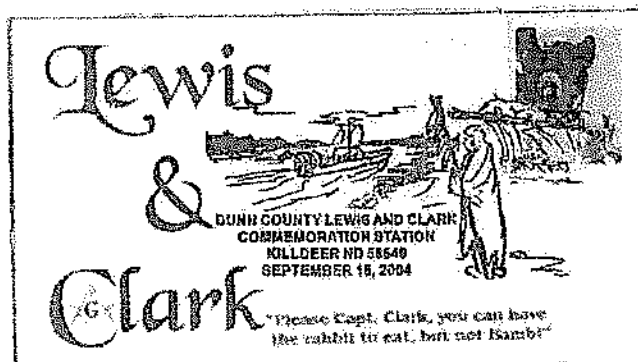
Sept. 7 – Grenada – Lewis & Clark Expedition, pane of three se-tenant stamps

Sept. 9 – Marshall Islands – John Wayne, sheet of twelve.



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## BRO. STAN "MAKES" LINN'S



Did everyone catch Bro. Stan's unique cover shown in the Oct. 25 Reader's Opinion column? He used his Lewis & Clark all purpose cachet and added "Please Capt. Clark, you can have the rabbit to eat, but not Bambi." The stamp used for franking was the Bambi & Thumper Disney stamp and the special cancel was the Dunn County Lewis and Clark Commemoration Station, Killdear, ND slogan of Sept. 18, 2004. Clever!!

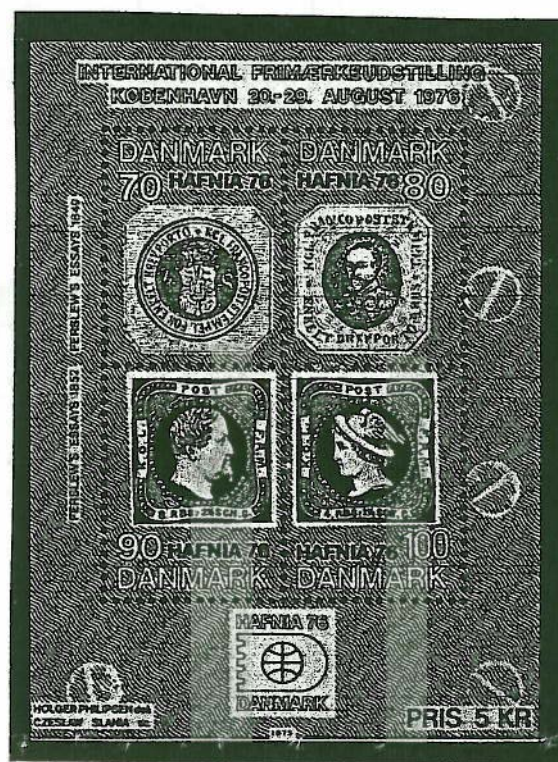
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Bro. Ing. Godthelp informs us that Nikolaj Andrejevitsj Rimsky-Korsakov was not a Freemason. This finally eliminates the guessing and puts this question to rest

## KING FREDERICK VII

Frederick VII, King of Denmark from 1848 to 1863 was born Oct. 10, 1808, in Copenhagen. He was the son of Bro. Christian VIII (1786-1848) who had been initiated in 1817 in Castle Odense in the Lodge "Maria zu den drei Herzen" – he was the patron of Freemasonry from 1836 to 1848. Frederick VII was initiated into Freemasonry in 1827 in Geneva and in 1839 he was installed in the Lodge "Maria zu den drei Herzen" by his father. As soon as he became King of Denmark in 1848, he also became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

Excellent Master Helsingor of Kosmos Lodge asked the permission of Frederick to work in the Scottish Rite. Since Frederick had been initiated into the higher degrees of the Swedish Rite by King Charles XV of Sweden, he approved use of the Swedish system by the Danish Lodges in 1855. Under Frederick's guidance, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, "Danske Store Landsloge" became the VIIth Provincial Grand Lodge of the Swedish Rite in 1858.



Frederick VII was the first Constitutional King of Denmark and the last male descendant from the elder bough of the House of Oldenburg. Both of his marriages were childless – he had become divorced. In 1848 he approved the Constitution for Denmark which was necessitated because of a rebellion in the duchies of Sleswijk and Holstein. In 1855 this Constitution was also adopted by the duchies. He died on Nov. 15, 1863 in Glucksburg and was buried in the cathedral of Roskilde where most of the Danish Royalty was buried.

-article "copied" from De Verlichte Loep the Newsletter of the Netherlands De Getande Rand – many thanks to Bro. H. J. Godthelp

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## ANDRE HONNORAT



Andre Honnorat, a French philanthropist, was born in 1868. He served as a Deputy and a Senator and was a strong advocate of public education. He was initiated on December 13, 1900, in the Lodge Les Trois Amis, in the Grande Oriente de France, in Paris. He died on November 19, 1950.

-again thanks to Bro. Godthelp and De Verlichte Loep

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# FREIHERR FERDINAND VON HOMPESCH

Born in 1744 in Dusseldorf, Germany, he was the last Grand Master of the Roman Catholic Maltese Order – Order of the Knights of St. John of Malta. In 1797 he became the first and only German Grand Master of the Order and he and all the other knights were expelled with force from Malta by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1798. He fled to Trieste where he and his companions were under the protection of Austria.

The Knights of the Grand Priory of Russia which included many French emigrants, looked to the Protector of the Order to help them. The Protector, the Czar, wanted to be Grand Master of the Order; therefore the Russian Knights deposed Ferdinand Von Hompesch on July 6, 1799. In September 1798, Czar Paul I became Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of St. John but the election was declared a farce because only the Russian Knights had voted for him. From 1799 on, the Knights from the other countries tried to induce Von Hompesch to resume his command as Grand Master but he died in 1805 in Montpellier, France.

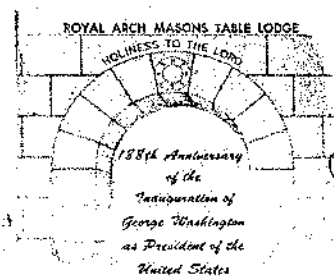


Ferdinand Von Hompesch became a member of the Lodge La Parfaite Amitie in East Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1765.

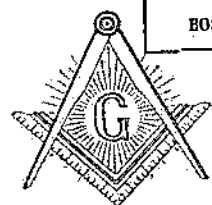
-once again thanks to Bro. Godthelp and De Verlichte Loep

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## AUTOGRAPHED COVERS FROM PETER WESTBERE



Robert Morgan  
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