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First Friday of Every Month
(Except July and August)

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FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all those brothers who have helped me in getting material for the "Philatelist" during 1974. You have made my job easier with all your help. I do hope that 1975 will get the same support as in 1974.

From all the Officers of the club, we wish all the members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and God grant each and every one of the membership and their families good health and happiness for 1975.

PAST PRESIDENT ED MAYER RECEIVES 50 YEAR PIN FROM SHRINERS

Our Past President Edwin Mayer received his 50 year pin from Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New Hyde Park, New York on November 1, 1974. Our heartiest congratulations and we all wish for your good health, happiness and good fortune in the years ahead.

Louis A. Bernstein
President

MASONIC ALBUM PAGES

Brother Ed Walsh has recently printed special album pages made especially for Masonic Collections. They are in gold printing and are quite attractive. The 8½ x 11 pages are \$1.50 per dozen. Anyone interested can reach Brother Ed Walsh at:

Twenty Eight Maple Street
Lexington, Mass. 02173

JOHANN GOTTFRIED SCHADOW

The Deutsche Bundespost, Berlin, will issue on January 15, 1975 a commemorative stamp to mark the 125th anniversary of the death of Johann Gottfried Schadow. Masonic dates are unknown.

For A Price List
of Available

MASONIC COVERS PAST AND PRESENT

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MASONIC CACHETS
451 WEST 46th STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

ON THE COVER**CHARLES A. LINDBERGH**

On August 26, 1974 Charles Augustus Lindbergh died at Hana, Hawaii, a small community on the island of Maui. He was 72 years old.

He was a victim of cancer and had gone to his part-time home in Hana only eight days prior to his passing and was buried in a self-designed grave which had been prepared prior to his death.

Brother Lindbergh was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 4, 1902.

He was initiated in Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis, Missouri on June 9, 1926.

He learned to fly while a student at the University of Wisconsin. Later he entered the United States Air Service as a second Lieutenant, and from 1925 to 1926 he flew the air-mail between Chicago and St. Louis.

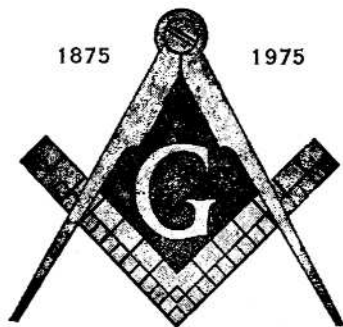
In 1927 he flew his plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis" from New York to Paris in 33½ hours, which brought him fame and fortune. The United States issued a 10c Air Mail stamp to commemorate this historic flight on June 18, 1927.

Robert A. Smith

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA**

A cachet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was canceled at Rapid City on June 7, 1974.

100th Anniversary



GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

The following is a brief history of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and

the names of the first officers of Dakota Territory, as submitted by Brother Fred Jelsema.

**Brief History of The Grand Lodge
of South Dakota**

Recorded Masonry in South Dakota began almost immediately after the opening of the Territory of Dakota for settlement in 1861. On April 23, 1862, the Grand Master of Iowa granted a Dispensation to Brother F. J. DeWitt and eight others to open a lodge to be known as Dacotah Lodge at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory. Nothing further came of this, the little population of Fort Randall composed mostly of soldiers, was constantly changing. No records are available to show that the Lodge was ever organized. If the Lodge was ever formally instituted it quickly ceased to exist, a charter was never issued. On December 2, 1862, a Dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to open a lodge at Yankton, Dakota Territory. This was granted to the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt and others. The following year, June 3, 1863, a charter was issued. The Lodge was known as St. John's No. 166 and became the first Lodge of record in the Territory. Other Dispensations and charters soon followed, their order being, Incense Lodge No. 257 of Vermillion, Elk Point Lodge No. 288 of Elk Point, Minnehaha Lodge No. 328 of Sioux Falls, Silver Star Lodge No. 257 of Canton and Mt. Zion Lodge U.D. (under dispensation) of Springfield. In northern Dakota, Shiloh Lodge No. 105, of Fargo and Bismark Lodge U.D. were working under authority of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

For some time the brethren in Dakota had been informally discussing the expediency of organizing a Grand Lodge within the Territory, but no steps were taken to bring this about until the spring of 1875. Then, Brother Henry H. Blair, Worshipful Master of Elk Point Lodge No. 288, feeling that the time was ripe for such a move, called a convention of delegates from all the lodges in the Territory, inviting each to send representatives to Elk Point on June 22, 1875. In response to this invitation, delegates from the following lodges assembled in Elk Point at the appointed time: Elk Point Lodge No. 288, St. John's Lodge No. 166 of Yankton, Incense Lodge No. 257 of Vermillion, Minnehaha Lodge No. 328 of Sioux Falls, Silver Star Lodge No. 257 of Canton and Mt. Zion Lodge U.D. of Springfield. When it was found that no delegates had been sent from the

lodges in northern Dakota and that those lodges had made no response to the invitation sent them, the delegates from the lodges represented expressed their deep regret. But since most of the lodges in the Territory were represented, those present set about to carry out the purpose for which they had met. Since Mt. Zion Lodge U.D. of Springfield, had not received its charter, its delegate Brother J. L. Turner, was invited to a seat in the convention without power to vote. The convention proceeded to form a Grand Lodge for Dakota and elected Brother Thomas H. Brown of Sioux Falls as the first Grand Master. After electing and appointing the slate of officers and disposing of other necessary business, the convention adjourned to meet on July 21, 1875, at Vermillion. Most Worshipful Brother T. H. Parvin, a warm friend of Masonry in Dakota and Past

Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was present to constitute the new Lodge and install the officers.

Harold L. Tisher, P.G.M.
Grand Historian

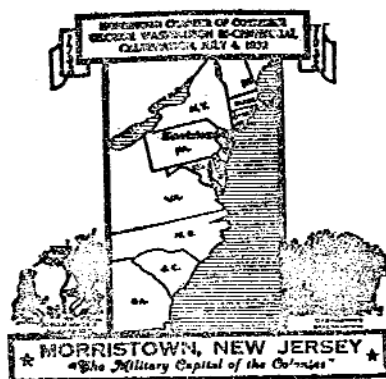
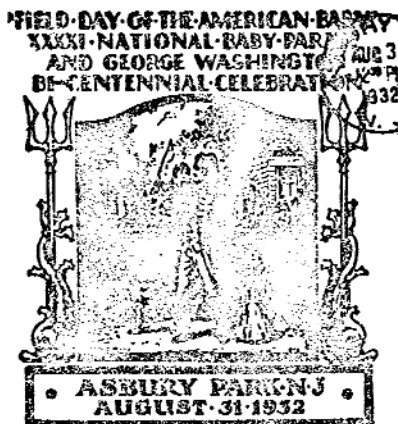
Thomas H. Brown	Grand Master
F. J. Dewitt	Deputy Grand Master
C. G. Shaw	Senior Grand Warden
H. H. Blair	Junior Grand and Warden
George H. Hand	Grand Treasurer
Mark W. Bailey	Grand Secretary
J. C. Damon	Grand Chaplain
Wm. H. Miller	Senior Grand Deacon
O. P. Weston	Junior Grand Deacon
O. W. Hassen	Grand Tyler
Leonidas Conleton	Grand Marshal
Thomas Robinson	Senior Grand Steward
C. F. Mallahan	Junior Grand Steward
S. H. Stafford, Jr.	Grand Sword Bearer
P. W. McManus	Grand Pursuivant

Fraternally,
Fred Jelsema

HISTORICALLY COMMEMORATIVE COVERS

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| 58 | April 26—Cape Henry, Va. Green, red. 3,154. Some received three cachets. Others received two cachets. 325th Anniv. of Settlers Landing and First Lighthouse Built by Federal Government and in use during Washington's Administration. Norfolk-Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce | .30 |
| 59 | April 29—New Haven, Conn. Green. 6,160. Pictures a tree. Below this are 7 lines lettering. Commemorates Arbor Day, "A United States George Washington Bicentennial Tree Planting." Sponsored by John W. Murphy, Mayor, and F. S. Eaton, Forester | .15 |
| 60 | April 30—U.S.S. Texas. Purple. 8,140. Some mailed from other ships and some from San Francisco. Profile of Washington with San Francisco City Hall in the background. Lettering above and below. Commemorates First Presidential Inauguration. Sponsored by San Francisco Commission | .10 |
| 61 | April 30—Wall St. Sta., New York, N. Y. Red, blue. 667. Square— shows Federal Hall. Commemorates inauguration of Washington. 4 lines lettering above and 2 below. Aerophilatelic Club of New York | .45 |
| 62d | April 30—New York, N. Y. 20 mailed. Black. Pictures full-length portrait of Washington with sword. Below is 5 lines lettering. "First Inauguration of George Washington as President. Federal Hall, New York, N. Y., April 30, 1789." Sold by Aeroprint at 20¢ | 2.50 |
| 63d | April 30—New York, N. Y. Blue, red, bicolor. 900 sold. Washington is Inaugurated as First President. Pictures Washington Taking Oath of Office. Sold by Harry Ioor. 12 envelopes for 30¢ | .40 |
| 64 | April 30—Hammond, Ind. Blue. 125. See cut, courtesy Edward Hacker, sponsor | 1.75 |
| 65 | April 30—New York, N. Y. Washington Bridge Sta. Magenta. 3,400. Circular. To Commemorate Inauguration of First President of U.S.A. Sponsored by Jacob H. Schiff Center | .30 |
| 66 | May 6—Dermott, Ark. Magenta, purple. Approx. 400. Semi-profile of Washington in frame. Reads, "Community Bicentennial Celebration," above. "Dermott, Ark., May 6, 1932," below. Sponsored by Junior Altrurian Club | .50 |
| 67 | May 8—Fredericksburg, Va. Purple. Approx. 10,000. Four lines lettering. Reads, "Home of Mary, Mother of Washington, 1775-1789." Pictures the home. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce | .10 |
| 68 | May 9—Temple Station, Alexandria, Va. No cachet. First day of mailing from Temple Station. Approx. 500 mailed. This station was open one | |

- week and it is estimated 150 sets are in existence for all days. Temple Station Postmark was also used at Alexandria Post Office but there is no way of defining the two. First day cover _____ 1.00
- 69 May 12—Alexandria, Va., Temple Station. Approx. 270,000. Dedication of and pictures George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Five lines lettering. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce _____ .10
- 70d May 13—Washington's Birth Place. Va. First day cover. 280. Most of which are autographed by Julia Washington, Postmistress _____ 2.50
- 71 May 14—Washington's Birth Place, Va. Black. Number unavailable. Several types of cover cachets. Dedication of Washington's Birth Place, Wakefield, as National Park _____ .50
- 72 May 20—Charlotte, N. C. Red, white, blue, tricolor sticker. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce for Commemoration Declaration of Independence by Mecklinburg County _____





—Richmond, Va., July 26, courtesy
The New Southern Philatelist.

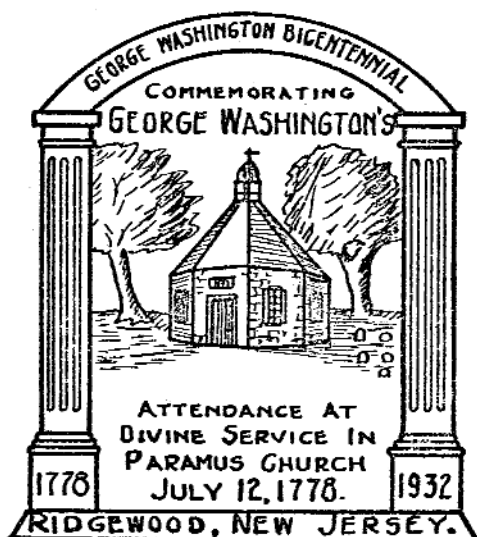
GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION "Post Office Day"

1775 July 26 1932



F. B. GATES, Height 4 feet
U. S. Smallest P. M.

—Mesick, Mich., July 26,
courtesy F. B. Gates.



—Ridgewood, N. J., July 12, courtesy

Ridgewood Herald.

FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
AUTHENTICATED BY H. R. HARMER INC., N. Y.

73	May 21—York, Pa. Black, mimeographed. About 70. Keystone—center pictures semi-profile of Washington, 4 lines lettering above and 4 below. Sponsored by Commercial Club	2.00
74d	May 22—Weathersfield, Conn. Printed blue, red, bicolor. 20 mailed. Pictures, Webb house in blue. Six lines lettering below reads, "The Webb House, on this day, General Washington and Le Comte de Rochambeau laid the final plans for the campaign at Yorktown. Weathersfield, Conn., May 22, 1781." Sold by Aeroprint at 20¢ each	2.50
75	May 28—Winston-Salem, N. C. Purple. 17,000. Oval—shows headquarters of Washington. To left, Salem 1791. To right, Winston-Salem 1932. Chamber of Commerce	.10
76	May 28—Newburgh, N. Y. Purple, black. See cut, courtesy Newburgh-Beacon News. 4,500 mailed	.25
77	May 28—Jackson Heights, Flushing, N. Y. Black. 16285	.35
78	May 29—Jackson Heights, Flushing, N. Y. Red, black, bicolor. 984	.40
79	May 30—Jackson Heights, Flushing, N. Y. Black, red, bicolor. 1,783. Profile of Washington. Five lines of lettering. Sponsored by North Shore Stamp Club	.35
80	May 29—Waynesburg, Penna. Black. 29 mailed. For Bicentennial Celebration. Six lines lettering, and all signed by President and Secretary of Chamber of Commerce who sponsored	4.00
81	May 30—Boston, Mass. Blue. 900. See cut, courtesy Suburban Stamp and Curio Club who sponsored	.40
82	May 30—Washington's Birthplace, Va. Violet. First day, for use of the Wakefield cachet at this Post Office. Number mailed unknown. Cachet is the same as used at Mount Vernon on Feb. 22nd, with upper part of border removed. This cachet has been available to collectors every day since.	.50
83d	May 30—Valley Forge, Pa. Purple. 100. Keystone—enclosing double circle. Center reads, "Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, The Camping Grounds of Washington and his Colonial Army 1777-1778. Sold by Lehigh Philately Co. before mailing at 25¢ each.	2.00
84d	May 30—Morristown, N. J. Blue, yellow, bicolor. 150. Pictures winter scene at Jockey Hollow. For Dedication of Jockey Hollow Cemetery. Sold at 15¢ each by sponsor, Herbert T. Conover.	1.25
85	May 31—Perth Amboy, N. J. Blue. 10,000. Elaborate shaped frame. Center pictures Hicks Tavern. Commemorates Washington's visit in 1773. Chamber of Commerce.	.10
86a	June 2—Wilmington, N. C. Black, violet. 5,200. Square—twelve lines lettering. For Dedication of Monument Commemorating Fort Fisher. Chamber of Commerce. Each cover was autographed by the Secretary.	.25
87d	June 7—Wethersfield, Conn. Printed, colored. Pictures Webb House. These envelopes should be classed as dealers envelopes. There was a Bicentennial celebration at this time. This is one of many envelopes used in 1931 for first day of Yorktown stamp.	.50
88	June 7—Hartford, Conn. Green. Approx. 1,050. Square—pictures Old State Capitol. Seven lines lettering. Washington Bicentennial Celebration at Wethersfield, Hartford and Agawam, Mass. Chamber of Commerce.	.40
89	June 8—Hartford, Conn. Red. Approx. 1,050. Same as 88.	.40
90	June 14—Bound Brook, N. J. Red, blending to green. 4,764. Square—center pictures Flag and Cannon. For Bicentennial Celebration. Nine lines lettering. Explains that the Flag was flown here for the first time, after its adoption by Congress. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.	.25
91a	June 14—Philadelphia, Pa. Purple. 3,343. Square—center pictures flag. Flag Day Celebration at Betsy Ross House. Patriotic Order of Sons of America.	.30
92d	June 14—Philadelphia, Pa. Blue, red, bicolor. Approx. 900. Pictures Betsy Ross House, "The Birthplace of Our Flag." Four lines lettering. Sold by Frank Anselmi.	.40
93	June 15—Northampton, Mass. Magenta, black. 2,700. Square—pictures Horse and Rider traveling between dawn and dusk. For Pony Ex-	

	press. Separate cachet shows profile of Washington. Washington cachet is in blue. Henry T. Stackpole.	.30
94d	June 15—Philadelphia, Pa. Printed covers. Red, blue, bicolor. 20 mailed. Full size statue in red portrays Washington. Five lines lettering to left. Reads, "June 15, 1775, Philadelphia, Pa., George Washington Elected Commander in Chief of the Army." A star below this and lettering in blue. Sold by Aeroprint 20¢ each.	2.50
95a	June 20—Petersburg, Va. Red. Approx. 5,500. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Petersburg Stamp Club. See cut, courtesy New Southern Philatelist.	.20
96a	June 21—Richmond, Va. Purple. Back cachet in grey. Approx. 40,000. Sponsored by The United Confederate Veterans and The Richmond Stamp Club. See both cuts, courtesy The Southern Philatelist.	.10
97	June 22—Atlantic City, N. J. Red and orange. Shows profile of Washington and reads, "Washington—The man of all times." Further details unavailable.	—
98a	June 23—Ridgefield, N. J. Black. 987. Almost solid black profile of William Penn. Large 1683 and five lines lettering. Commemorates Penn's Treaty with the Indians. G. A. Brulatour.	.40

LOUIS CORINTH

On July 15, 1975 a stamp will be issued to commemorate this great German Artist. He was born on July 21, 1858 in Tapiau (Eastern Prussia). His studies were at the Academie in Koenigsberg (1876-80), in Munich, Antwerpen (1884) and Paris (1884-87). From 1890-1900 he lived in Munich and afterwards in Berlin. His paintings were religious and mystical acts with unusual tenderness of still life paintings. During the time he spent in Munich he painted "The Lodge". He was initiated in Lodge "Immanuel" in Koenigsberg, Prussia on March 27, 1890 and later affiliated to a lodge in Munich. He died on July 17, 1925 in Zandvoort, Holland.

Ludwig Appeldorn
Germany

THAT ADDED SOMETHING

The major problem confronting exhibitors, is designing a stimulating page. On attractive page can enhance a whole frame and increase your opportunity to pick up a medal.

Philatelic items, of course, are of prime importance, research and write-up are impressive contributors, but often it is the accompanying collateral material that changes a hum-drum frame into a winner. Unfortunately, there is no sure-fire method for locating such items and they show up in some odd places.

While browsing through the government book store in Boston, a pamphlet titled "Steps to the Moon" came to the surface. Most of the material in the booklet was of a familiar type or of particular interest to cartographers, but suddenly, there it was! That something

extra for the "Aldrin Pages". Two bonuses from the same source. The first, a picture, taken on the moon, showing brother Aldrin standing near a footpad of the landing craft. The second, photos of two moon craters, taken from an orbiting Apollo space craft. By today's standards the last two are relatively common, but look again. Closer examination will disclose a square and compasses in the center of each crater. Too good to be true! Of course, however, take a good look at these reproductions of pages 26 and 32, or better yet get your own copy from the local government book store.*

Edward R. Walsh
Lexington, Mass.

*Thirty cents, USPS money order, no stamps, to: Government Book Store, Room G 25, Kennedy Bldg., Boston, MA 02203 (or)

U.S. Government Printing Office, Public Documents Dep't., Washington, D.C. 20402.

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

In the book entitled "Audubon's America" edited by Donald Culross Peattie and published by Houghton Mifflin Company, appears the following statement by Audubon from one of his journals:

"He writes that he was at breakfast and among the prominent personages present was a Mr. A. Liautaud. The breakfast being over, I was told to remain and see the best part. Mr. Liautaud, the learned guest, was about to be received as a Mason, and I being a Mason entitled me at once to a seat—this was accomplished in the most ludicrous manner one can conceive."