



The Masonic Philatelist

A QUARTERLY

VOL. 38

DECEMBER, 1982

NO. 4



Brother George Wettach, President of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York shown with Bro. David Deutsch, Vice-President, Dr. Allan Boudreau, Past-President, and Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, Secretary in the Club Lounge at the 37th ASDA show held in the New York Colliseum, November 17-21, 1982

The MASONIC PHILATELIST

VOL. 38

NO. 4

DR. IRWIN M. YARRY
EDITOR

Officers for 1982-83

President	George Wettach
First Vice-President	David Deutsch
Second Vice-President	Warren Erigh
Treasurer	Aydin Turkman
Secretary	Dr. Irwin M. Yarry
Chaplain	Joseph Nathan Kane

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Arthur W. Deas*	1934-1938
Ralph A. Barry*	1938-1939
Henry W. Holcombe*	1939-1941
Carl E. Pelander*	1941-1943
George Camnitzer	1943-1945
Sam Brooks*	1945-1946
Jacob S. Glaser*	1946-1948
Ferrars H. Tows*	1948-1949
Russell B. Roane*	1949-1951
Arthur I. Heim	1951-1953
Carl H. Pihl	1953-1955
Thomas Phillips*	1955-1957
Irwin M. Yarry	1957-1959
Emanuel M. Reggel	1959-1961
Dr. S. Duffield Swan*	1961-1962
Shelton W. Osterlund	1962-1963
Norman H. Sehlmeier*	1963-1965
Stanley A. Salomon*	1965-1967
Joseph Munk	1967-1969
Edwin Mayer	1969-1971
Emanuel M. Reggel	1971-1972
Robert A. Smith	1972-1973
Louis Bernstein	1974-1976
Joseph Nathan Kane	1976-1980
Dr. Allan Boudreau	1981-1982

*Deceased

ON THE COVER

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York Lounge at the 34th ASDA National Postage Stamp Show held in the New York Coliseum on November 18, 19, 20 and 21 was a huge success.

Many members from out of town stopped by to renew old acquaintances. Distinguished philatelic journalists, dealers, and other luminaries from the philatelic world took time to spend a few pleasant minutes in our lounge.

Brothers Wettach, Deutsch, Drigian, Yarry, Boudreau, Kane, and Reggel assisted the club at the lounge, unfortunately all were not in attendance when the photo was taken.

* * * *

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

Please Address All Communications To The

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF N.Y.

c/o COLLECTORS CLUB

22 East 35th Street, New York City, N.Y. 10016

The Story of a Masonic Cover

By George Wettach

About a year before my Lodge, Fidelity #113 of Ridgewood, New Jersey, was to observe its centennial in 1971, a special committee was formed to coordinate the various aspects of the event. The Senior Warden was chairman of the committee as the centennial observance would occur in his year as Worshipped Master.

The chairman was approached with the suggestion that a special cover be issued to commemorate the event with a postage meter slogan embodying the Masonic emblem. I was certain that this had never been done before and tried to convince him that the sale of such covers would raise some funds for the Lodge which could be applied to the expenses of the centennial observance. He was doubtful (not being a collector) but when assured that the venture would be underwritten to the extent that it would not cost the Lodge a cent, he immediately made me a member of the committee in charge of covers.

Given the "go ahead", it was necessary to implement the idea. Areas to be covered included an estimate of the quantity of covers needed, a cachet picturing the Temple, design of the postage meter slogan, advance publicity notices about the cover, estimated cost, etc.

The Fidelity Lodge Trestleboard was mailed each month by the printer who used a postage meter machine. (Postage was six cents then.) The first step was to learn the model number of the machine in order to get a slogan die that would fit it. This done, the next step was to design an appropriate slogan. The final design consisted of three lines with the Masonic emblem in the center. The top and bottom lines were slightly curved and with a little imagination the overall slogan looked like an all-seeing eye. The wording was

Fidelity Lodge #113 F.&A.M.
Ridgewood (Emblem) New Jersey
Constituted January 27, 1871

Pitney Bowes produced a nice meter slogan die based on the rough drawing so we were on our way.

A neighbor, Wor. Bro. Bartley Aisenbrey, Past Master No. 227 of Hamilton — Wallis Lodge of Paterson, NJ, had for years been producing his own Christmas cards, usually illustrated by ink drawings of historic churches. When approached, he readily agreed to do a drawing of the Temple for the cachet of the cover. His drawing was reduced photographically to fit the cover, leaving room for the meter slogan.

The matter of how many to issue and how much to charge came up. Based on advance orders, printing costs, postage at six cents each, etc., it was decided to have 3,000 covers printed to be sold at three for one dollar plus S.A.S.E. Good quality envelopes were ordered for this purpose.

Advance publicity notices describing the covers and their cost were sent to all U.S. philatelic publications and stamp columnists. In addition, publicity was sent to just about every Grand Lodge listed in the Directory of Lodges with the request that they publicize it in their publications. An imprint of the meter slogan on a card was sent with the publicity release.

In the interesting feedback from the publicity was the information from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota that they had already used the Square and Compass in a meter slogan. It was a bit of a let down to learn that ours was not a "first" as had been claimed. An enclosure sent to purchasers informed them of this fact and noted that we were first in New Jersey. A couple of foreign meter slogans showed a Masonic emblem as part of an ornate design. My education continued.

Finally the big day came. I arranged to get to work late that day and went to the printer to supervise the imprinting of the postage meter slogan. All went well.

Next came the mailing of them in the accumulated envelopes. A few of those who ordered covers forgot(?) the S.A.S.E. Some sent envelopes the same size as the covers.

Nevertheless soon all were on their way. It seemed that it was all over but occasional orders trickled in for over a year.

Based on advance orders we did not imprint all the covers with the meter slogan but we did sell about 2000 covers. In round numbers the Lodge made a profit of about \$500 on receipts of about \$700. This went a long way to help defray part of the other centennial expenses.

A number of the persons ordering the covers sent interesting and complimentary comments with their orders. There was also a temporary misunderstanding at a high level which was disturbing at the time.

One order for several covers came from Wor. Bruno Guglielmi in San Remo, Italy. He liked the covers and ordered some more. His letters were very friendly and led my wife and me to schedule a stop in San Remo on a Saturday night later that year when we would be traveling in Europe by car for a couple of weeks with our son and daughter. Brother Guglielmi was apprised of the fact and back came a reply asking us to phone him as soon as we arrived at our hotel. He gave both his home and business phone numbers.

We had sent Bro. Bruno a copy of our itinerary so he knew all our hotels, etc. At our hotel in Lugano, Switzerland and again in Florence we found cheery little notes from him stating that he was looking forward to our forthcoming meeting. This was indicative of his thoughtfulness as we were to find out.

It was a hot summer day when we drove from Florence to San Remo with many stops for refreshing lemon soda. We arrived rather late and phoned Bruno as requested. Because of the hour and our weariness we made a date for the next morning.

The next morning he and his lovely wife, Solange, appeared at our hotel. He asked us what we would like to see. I requested Villa Grock, about 20 Kilometers away, which had been the home of a distant cousin whose elderly widow still lived there. We also visited his Lodge room and had

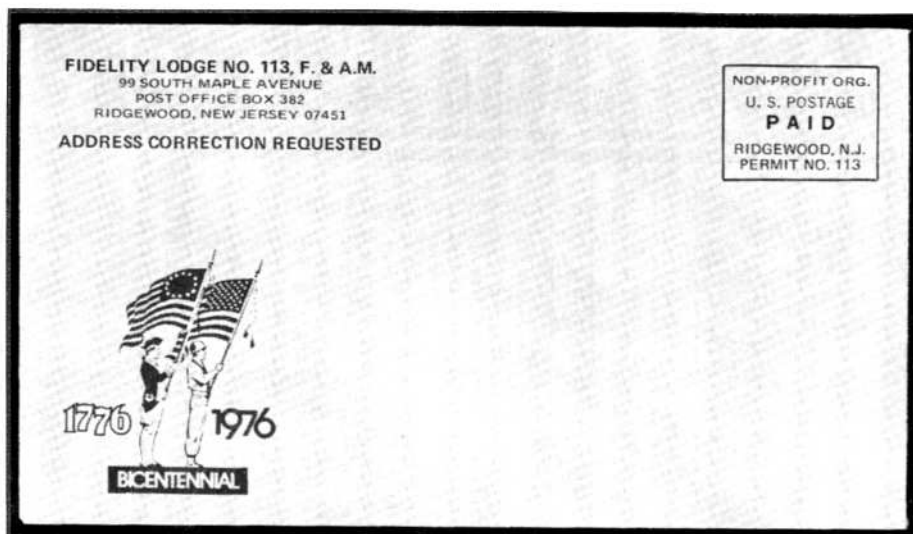
dinner at a restaurant up in the hills followed by ice cream in his apartment where we looked at Masonic covers issued by his Italian Masonic Stamp Club. He told my children to call him Uncle Bruno because, he said, "your father is my brother". It is difficult to compress a wonderful day into a few sentences. It is interesting to think that it all came about because of the centennial cover of my Lodge.

Because of the large quantity issued we had some left over. These were eventually sold to Bro. Ed Walsh who was a dealer in Masonic philatelic items and subsequently wound up in England when his estate was settled. I was later shown an advertisement that illustrated the cover. In 1975 I saw one in a glass case in the museum of the Grand Lodge in London.

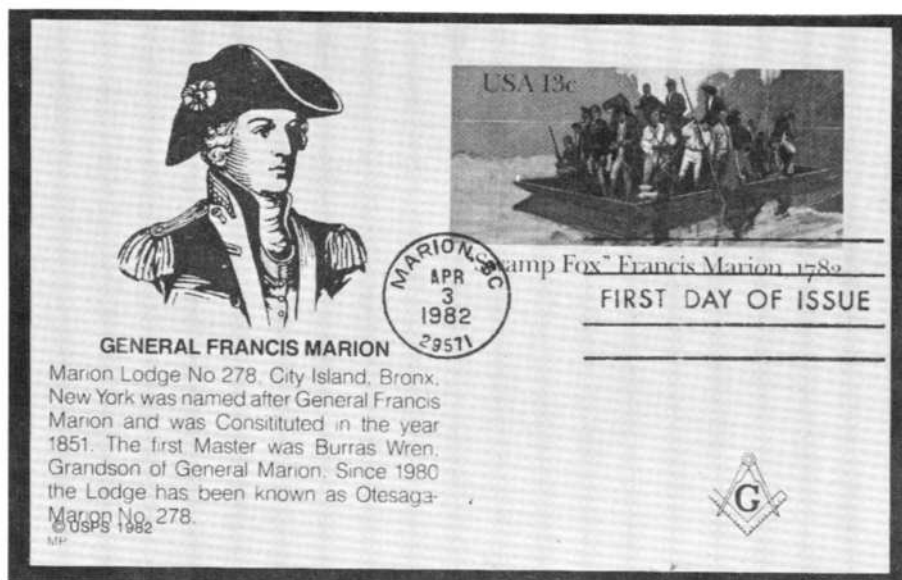
About eight years after the issuance of the cover I wondered what had happened to the meter slogan cut. I stopped in at the printer's and asked about it. When he couldn't find it I suggested looking in the postage meter machine. There it was, after all those years, covered with dust, paper fibers and dried ink.

I am sure that anyone who issues a special cover has the challenge and fun of creating it, but how many have a memorable day in the Italian Riviera as a bonus?



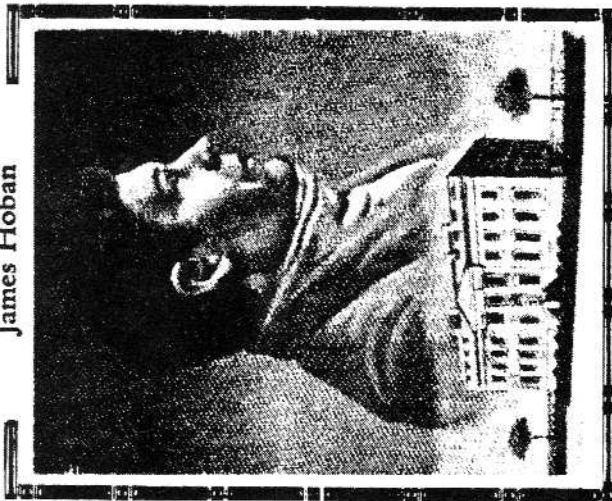


When first class postage rates kept going up, Fidelity Lodge No. 113, F. & A.M. of Ridgewood, New Jersey decided to send its Trestleboards by bulk rate mail. They asked for, and were issued, Permit No. 113 which had been available. This may be the only case where the Lodge number and the Permit number are the same. Please let us know of other similar cases of matching numbers.



Special Offer!

James Hoban



Colorado "Silk" Cachet

First Day of Issue

USA 18c

James Hoban White House Architect



USA 20c

James Hoban White House Architect



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

James Hoban was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, studied Architecture under Thomas Ivory and arrived in Philadelphia in 1785. He was the superintendent of the executive buildings including the White House, Treasury, State, War, and Navy buildings. Hoban laid the cornerstone of the White with full Masonic ceremonies on October 12, 1792. Under his leadership Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C. was organized and Hoban became the first Master. He was active in Royal Arch Masonry until his death on December 8, 1831.

Sponsored by the Masonic Stamp Club of New York



A limited number of this EXCLUSIVE MASONIC SILK Cachet are available at \$3.00 each. Be sure to send a self addressed, stamped, #10 envelope with your check payable to Masonic Cachets to:

MASONIC CACHETS
Centuck Station Box 101
Yonkers, New York 10701

Architect of the White House and the U.S. Capitol . . .

JAMES HOBAN—MASTER BUILDER

by

Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler

Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

James Hoban was born at Tullamore, near Callan, in County Kilkenny, Ireland, the son of Edward and Martha (Bayne) Hoban. The exact date of his birth is unknown but is presumed to have been in 1762. He was educated in the schools of the Dublin Society and studied drawing and architecture under Thomas Ivory.



Photograph of a wax image of Hoban executed by an unknown French Artist about 1789.

As a very young man, James achieved some distinction in his profession in Dublin. He participated in the construction of several buildings in that city, including the Royal Exchange, the Bank of Glendower, Newcomen and Company, and the Customs House.

He emigrated to Philadelphia in 1785, and on May 25 of that year advertised in Philadelphia that "Any gentleman who wishes to build in an elegant style, may hear of a person properly calculated for

that purpose, who can execute the Joining and Carpenter's business in the modern taste." Soon afterwards, he went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he built several public buildings in Charleston and designed the State House at Columbia, completed in 1791. That Capitol stood until it was burned in 1865.

His success as an outstanding architect and builder in South Carolina led to his being recommended to George Washington. Hoban met with Washington in the then temporary capital city of Philadelphia to discuss the development of the Federal City in the recently established District of Columbia.

Hoban moved to the new Federal City in 1792 where he spent the remaining almost 40 years of his life and where he was largely instrumental in safely guiding the Federal City through its troublous formative period. His professional life was a stormy one, but his strong convictions and fierce determination enabled him to successfully combat official opposition, and the nation is indebted to him for the magnificent proportions of our Capitol and Executive Mansion.

There was a national contest to find the best design for the Executive Mansion or "President's Palace" as it was then being called. The three District Commissioners serving as judges announced the winner: 30-year-old James Hoban. The prize for the winning design was \$500.00 or a gold medal. Hoban chose the medal.

Hoban's design (following) was for a simple rectangular box-shaped, three-story mansion, 168 feet long, → → →

85½ feet wide, and 60 feet high. Porticoes, or porches, with four marble columns highlighted the north and south entrances. Hoban's elevation of the White House is preserved by the Maryland Historical Society. The plan was acquired



Hoban's Design for the "White House"

by Jefferson and is with his drawings in the Coolidge collection deposited with the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Hoban received a contract to supervise the construction at a salary of 300 guineas a year. Construction of the mansion began in 1792, with the cornerstone being laid on October 13 of that year, near the 300th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the new world. The nearest Masonic lodge, Lodge No. 9 in Georgetown, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland (now Potomac Lodge No. 5 of the District of Columbia), was invited to lay the cornerstone. The architect of the mansion, James Hoban, participated in the ceremony.

Hoban also collaborated with William Thornton in constructing the U.S. Capitol, and in 1797 was named superintendent of the executive buildings to be erected, including the Treasury and the State, War and Navy buildings.

Hoban married Susanna Sewell in 1799, and this happy couple were blessed with ten children.

In 1799, he was captain of the Washington Artillery and was known thereafter as "Captain" through his connection with this militia organization. When the Federal City was incorporated in 1802, he was elected to the city council and remained a member until his

death. He was a quick-tempered though a generous man and had a rather exalted opinion of his own merits.

Hoban was a devout Catholic and an ardent Freemason. Bishop John Carroll, named the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States, stated in a 1794 letter that the prohibitory edicts of the church with regard to Freemasonry would not be enforced in his diocese.

We do not know when or where Hoban received his first three degrees in Masonry, but under his leadership a group of Irish Catholics and Scotch Presbyterians organized a lodge in the Federal City, known as Federal Lodge No. 15 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was chartered on September 12, 1793, just six days before participating in the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. James Hoban was the Charter Master of this new Lodge which became Federal Lodge No. 1 of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia when that Grand Lodge was formed in 1811. He participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol as Master of his Lodge. After serving as Master, Hoban became Treasurer of the Lodge.

At an Encampment of a Royal Arch Chapter held in the Lodge Room No. 15 at their chamber in the City of Washington, January 2, 1796, Brother Hoban was duly balloted upon and unanimously accepted. He received the different degrees of Super Excellent Royal Arch Masonry that same evening. At a subsequent meeting of this same Royal Arch Chapter held on February 4, 1797, James Hoban was duly installed and was invested with the robes of High Priesthood. He served his Chapter as High Priest for the year 1797.

During his forty years of residence in the Federal City, James Hoban grew rich, prominent, influential, and esteemed. After a long, honorable, and distinguished career, he passed away on December 8, 1831. He was buried temporarily in St.

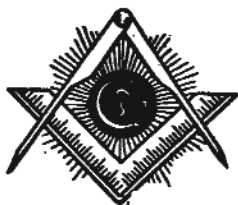
... JAMES HOBAN

Patrick's graveyard — afterwards the site of the Masonic Temple at Ninth and F Streets, Northwest. His remains now rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Thus ended the career and life of an Irish immigrant to the United States — one who played a most important role in the days of the founding of our Nation's Capitol and one who has left a priceless legacy to his adopted nation through the genius of his skill as a master builder.

Sir Knight Fowler is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, also past presiding officer of the three Grand York Rite Bodies in that jurisdiction. He is currently Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council in the District, and since 1953 he has served as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in the U.S.A.

He lives at 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.



World's Fair First Day Masonic Cover

A limited issue (1,200) First Day Cover commemorating the Knoxville World's Fair is being made available to Masonic collectors through the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies. The cover and first day cancellation include the complete block of four (20 cent) World's Fair stamps and sketches of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Temple and the World's Fair "Sunsphere."

Cost of the cover is \$1.00 each plus twenty cents return postage for each order of four or less. Checks may be made payable to the Archives Committee and mailed to Archives Committee, Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies, P.O. Box 708, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

Wear It With PRIDE



As a Life Member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, you will receive a beautiful lapel pin and a magnificent certificate personalized with your name. A tax deductible gift of \$250 qualifies you for Life Membership.

Your gift of \$100 gives you the opportunity to be a Sustaining Member of the Memorial. You, too, will receive the distinctive lapel pin to wear with pride.

Send your gift today to: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

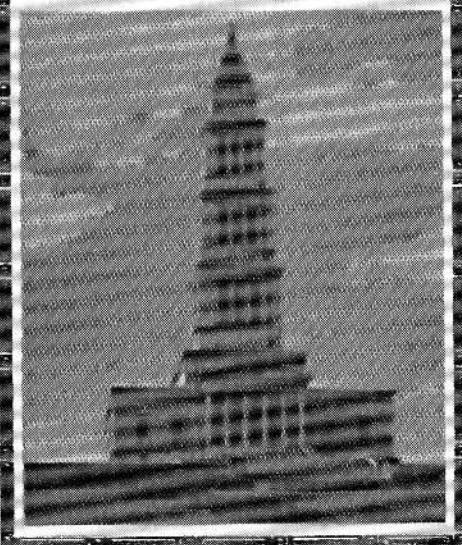
**George Washington
Masonic National
Memorial**
Alexandria, Virginia

**The
Pride of All
Freemasons**



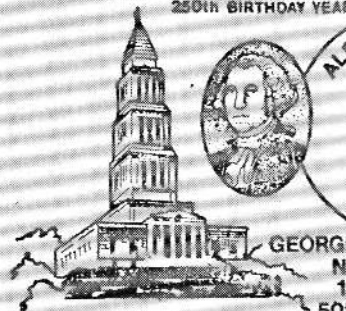
**George Washington National
Masonic Memorial**

Sponsored by the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y.




Colorano "Silk" Cachet

GEORGE WASHINGTON
250th BIRTHDAY YEAR



GEORGE
NA
19
50th

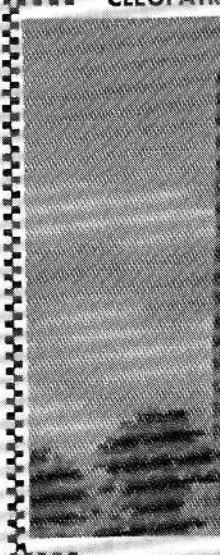
The cornerstone of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial was laid by the Grand Master of Virginia, using the Washington used when laying the United States Capital. The building on May 12, 1932.



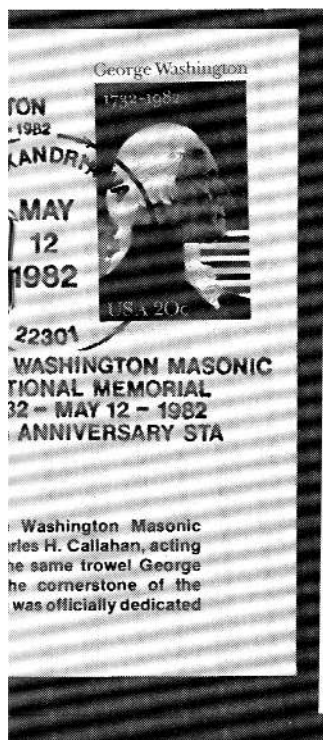
NEW COVERS
\$3.00 EACH
MASONIC CACHETS
Centuck Station
Box 101
Yonkers, N.Y. 10710

CLEOPATRA

SPONSORED BY MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF N.Y.



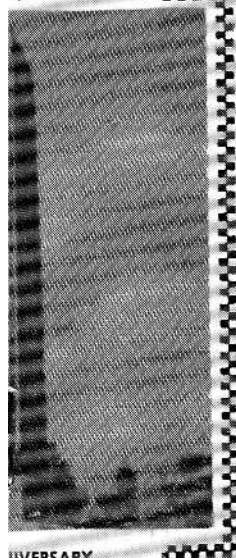
100th ANN



Send S.A.S.E. To
MASONIC CACHETS
 Centuck Station
 Box 101
 Yonkers, N.Y. 10710

For Latest List
 Of All Covers
 Available

'S NEEDLE



100 YEARS AGO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WAS PRIVILEGED TO LAY THE CORNERSTONE FOR THE FOUNDATION IN CENTRAL PARK TO SUPPORT THE 3,500 YEAR OLD OBELISK JUST ARRIVED FROM EGYPT. MANY THOUSANDS OF OUR BRETHREN PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONIES AND THE FIFTH AVENUE PARADE WHICH PRECEDED THEM. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 1980, THE GRAND LODGE WILL LEAD A MASONIC CELEBRATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT.



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

STANLEY F. MAXWELL, PRESIDENT
P.O. Box 519, LEXINGTON, MA 02173

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stanley F. Maxwell
Chairman
Marvin E. Fowler
Secretary-Treasurer
Charles F. Adams
C. Fuller Dorr
Raymond C. Ellis
Edward J. Gondella
Lee Lockwood

October 18, 1982

Dr. Allan Boudreau, 32°
Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
Masonic Hall, Box 10
46 W. 24th Street
New York, NY 10010

Sir: and dear Brother Boudreau:

Even though I saw you Friday evening I want to go on record as commending you and the Stamp Club for the positively beautiful commemorative first day cover of the Memorial, and also to extend a sincere thank you for your interest in putting my letter in the September, 1982 issue of The Philatelist along with the "Wear It With Pride" mat which we furnish to a number of publications.

We deeply appreciate the interest that you have shown in what we are endeavoring to do to promote the knowledge of the Memorial to our membership within the United States.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially and fraternally,

Stanley F. Maxwell
Stanley F. Maxwell
Sovereign Grand Commander



59 Greenwood Rd
Andover, Mass. 01810
Nov. 24, 1982

Dr. Erwin M. Yarry, Editor
The Masonic Philatelist
Masonic Stamp Club of NY
Masonic Hall - Box 10
46 West 24th St
New York, NY 10010

Dear Bob Yarry,

I would like to enter the following items into your mag. "Reader Exchange"

- 1) Wanted - Clear repro copies of certain issues of John Art's "Masonry on Postage Stamps" needed to complete set: Vol. 1, No. 1 (page 3 only) 2, 4, 5, 6 (page 24 only); Vol 2 No. 1, 4, 5, 11; Vol. 3, No. 7. Have Masonic Cacheted Covers for trade in return. Contact Robert A. Domingue, 59 Greenwood Rd, Andover, Mass. 01810.
- 2) Supplement to Masonic Cacheted Covers Catalog now available. 60 page publication which pictures 190 FDC's, 117 Special Event covers and 12 Gen. purpose covers. Cost is \$3.25 plus .75 postage & handling. Basic catalog still available at \$12.95 plus 1.25 postage & handling (1.50 for P&H if both ordered together). Order from Robert A. Domingue, 59 Greenwood Rd, Andover, Mass. 01810.

Many thanks and best wishes for a joyous season.

Fraternally,
Robert A. Domingue



**Discover stamp collecting...
the hobby of a lifetime.**

Our March 1982 MASONIC PHILATELIST included an illustration stating the American Flag was made by a Mason's wife, Betsy Ross. Bro, Herman Herst wrote in to advise us that this was not so, and his letter was printed in the June 1982 MASONIC PHILATELIST. Brother Jenks has replied to Bro. Herman Herst, Jr, and we include Bro. Jenks' letter below:

The Masonic Philatelist
C/O Collectors Club,
22 East 35th Street,
New York, NY 10016

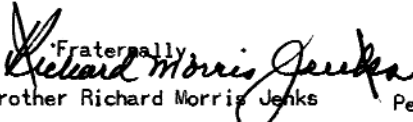
13 October 82

Dear Sir & Brother:

Born on Washington's Birthday, 1922, and a descendant of Robert Morris, Signer, Declaration of Independence, I do share more than a passing interest regarding that letter which appeared in The Masonic Philatelist for June, 1982, effected by our learned Brother Herman Herst, Jr.

Enclosed, please note clipping from the Philadelphia Daily News, under date of 11 October 82. Said article states Betsy Ross' grandson, William Canby, made an address to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on 14 March, 1870, in which Canby said Ross told him she had sewn the First Flag. A manuscript of this address reportedly exists.

Also, in 1925, a prominent Philadelphia family opened a safe and found a folded, five-point paper star and a note from Ross saying she had recently showed George Washington how to make the star. She and George Washington had actually met to talk about Flags. Too, let us not lose sight of the fact Bro. Washington did attend Christ Church (pew #58) regularly, just around the corner from the Betsy Ross House on Arch St., in company with Ben Franklin and other Signers. With all due respect to Bro. Herst, I cannot go along with his thought such as this was "hokum."

Fraternally,

Brother Richard Morris Jenks

8917 Frankford Avenue,
Phila., PA 19136

Peter A. B. Widener
Lodge 671,
F & A M



Betsy Ross: not a myth

Author: Betsy Did Sew Flag

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Author Robert Morris says the story of Betsy Ross and the flag, a story "cherished" by schoolchildren for years, is being unjustly disputed.

Morris, 77, a retired yarn salesman and author of the new book, "The Truth About the Betsy Ross Story," admitted he first thought the legend to be "a myth."

Morris addressed the the North American Vexillological Association, a flag research group on Saturday, and said that five years of research for his book convinced him Ross really did fashion the first American flag.

Morris, who lives near Atlantic City, cited a manuscript of an address given by Ross' grandson, William Canby, to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on March 14, 1870, in which Canby said Ross told him she had sewn the first flag.

And, Morris said, in 1925, the Weatherill family — prominent in Philadelphia in the 1800s — opened a safe and found a folded, five-point paper star and a note from Ross saying she had recently showed George Washington how to make the star.

"George Washington had been there to talk about flags," said Morris.



Requirements for Information on Masonic Philately

It is advisable to confine the subject matter to a biographical sketch and source of Masonic affiliation. Stamps showing Masonic symbols should be mentioned only without further delineation since Masons can recognize them. Masonic cancellations on stamps and covers are very desirable items. We are most anxious to have this information illustrated for publication.

With the number of new issues that are flooding our hobby the amount of Masonic related material is beyond the research of our limited publication committee. If our members can research any such items and send in this information we will publish it with due credits.

The many issues pertaining to our Bicentennial, the omnibus issues of Great Britain's Royal Wedding, Silver Jubilee plus the dozens of other countries that are cashing in on our time and budgets should and must limit our collecting. A Masonic collection as described by the late Brother Sam Brooks can be much in order. The issuance of cachets is also being abused. It is not our position to dictate or deter anyone in collecting what he desires for his own collection. However a Masonic collection is a personal collection that he can exhibit at his own lodge or other lodges for the enjoyment and enlightenment of his brother members.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York has tried to maintain a benign policy in limiting the number of cachets and quantity of each. The funds derived from this project are donated for Masonic benevolence.

Publication Committee
Irwin M. Yarry, Chairman

Harry Carr's

The Freemason at Work

Sixth edition

The first *Revised* edition since published in 1976 — If you enjoy your masonry then this book will bring you a new delight in all that you see and hear in lodge.

When Harry Carr became secretary and editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the answering of questions became a major part of his duties. In a style that has become a hall-mark of all his masonic writing, he always answered a little more than the original questions. In response to hundreds of requests from all over the world, the answers he gave to questions during his twelve year office as editor of Quatuor Coronati Transactions have been collected together in one book. Only the best and most interesting subjects have been included; in all 201 questions and answers that arise among Brethren in the course of their work in the Lodge: hence the title

THE FREEMASON AT WORK

All are at an entertaining and interesting level on a fascinating range of subjects covering practically every aspect of Masonic ritual, procedure and custom, showing how they arose and developed throughout the centuries. Here are just a few of the subjects dealt with: Masonic 'After-proceedings' (procedure at the table) — The length of my Cable-tow — The family tree of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark — The origin of Masonic Fire — the Origin of the Points of Fellowship — Squaring the Lodge — it proves a slip; how did these words arise? — Cowans and intruders — The origin of collars and gauntlets.

LEWIS MASONIC

**NEW REVISED EDITION
1981**



**A BOOK TO BE TREASURED:
IT WILL BRING NEW INTEREST,
UNDERSTANDING AND
PLEASURE INTO YOUR
MASONRY.**

About the Author

Harry Carr is one of the best known names in the world of Masonic scholarship. He is a Past Master of five English lodges and an Honorary Member of twenty, including Lodges and research Lodges in Paris (France), New York, Ohio, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia and New Zealand.

He was elected to full membership of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research, in 1953 and became Master in 1958. He has been Secretary of three English Lodges including, most notably, his twelve years (1961-1973) as Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge and Editor of its Transactions, during which time its Correspondence Circle membership was more than trebled in recognised Masonic jurisdictions throughout the world.

In 1957 he served as 'Prestonian Lecturer' (Grand Lodge appoints only one brother each year): his subject was 'The Transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry'. Lecture duties took him all over England. Since then and in recent years especially, he has lectured to Masonic Lodges and Grand Lodges in Belgium, France, Germany, Israel, with extensive lecture tours in South Africa, Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand.



ORDER FORM

Please send me copy/ies of THE FREEMASON AT WORK by Harry Carr. I enclose remittance to the value of £..... to cover the cost at £8.00 including Postage & Packing, UK and Overseas surface mail (\$19.00 USA incl surface Postage

NAME

ADDRESS

.....

.....

(Please write clearly and state country if overseas)

**Return this form and make
cheques payable to:**

**HARRY CARR, 8 Graham Lodge,
Graham Road, Hendon, London
NW4 3DG, England**

Reader Exchange

As a service to Club members, the Bulletin Board posts notices of activities and offerings by the members of the Club. There is no charge for this service at this time but this might change in the future. The decision of the editor is final in regard to all matters.

Yorktown Victory Monument cachet, commemorating the Masonic cornerstone-laying and including photograph of 1881 ceremonies. Stamped and postmarked October 18, 1981 with postmark from Yorktown. \$1.25 plus SASE from John Allen, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260

AUSTRALIA - James R. Anderson, 18 Pinelawns St., Lawnton, Queensland 4501, Australia collects police patches and badges of all countries, particularly seeking Canadian Mounted Police and/or Scottish police items.

Washington-Rochambeau march cachets. Set of nine (seven envelopes and two postcards. One cachet postmarked Alexandria, Virginia, pictures the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. \$12.50 for the set. Order from John Allen, Rochambeau Route Cachets, P.O.Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260.

Perfin cover. Senator Everett Dirksen stamp perforated with Masonic Emblem and first day postmark of Pekin, IL. Covers are \$2.00 each plus #10 SASE from Masonic Perfins, Box 654 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

The American Lodge of Research. Premier Masonic Research Lodge in the United States. Annual Transactions printed and include scholarly articles on Masonic history. For membership application and details send SASE to : The Secretary, Box 210, Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street, New YORK, NY 10010.

Netherlands, AASR Conference May 1981, special Masonic postmark.\$1.25 each or 9 covers for \$10.00 postpaid. Also a December 1981 cover for the 225th year of the Grand Lodge in the Netherlands. Mail to W. F. Smit, Utrechiseweg 33-C 6866 CH HEELSUM, Netherlands.

Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281, F.& A.M. Publishes papers of Masonic Research. For further information and membership details. SASE to Charles R. Crisman, Secretary 3319 S.W. 100th Street, Seattle, Washington 98146

Fraternity Post American Legion. All Masonic American Legion Post. Masonic war veterans are eligible for membership in the American Legion. Send SASE to Fred Weberpals 80-35 Springfield Blvd. Queens Village, NY 11427

FRANCE - Jean Proteau, 1 rue Verlain, 1700 La Rochelle, France desires to buy, sell, swap First Day Covers.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York

BULLETIN BOARD

Set of 2 covers commemorating "Masonry in New York Parade," August 8, 1981
Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, New York \$1.25 per set plus SASE from Donald
R. Graf, P.O.Box 547, North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Various Masonic Covers are available from Temple Stamp Club, Scottish Rite
Cathedral of Milwaukee, 790 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

WASHINGTON first day covers sponsored by Caldwell Consistory A.A.S.R. \$1.25
plus SASE-Fred L. Whitenight, Jr. 137 W. Fourth St. Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Thomas Gardner 92 Pearl Street Essex Jct., Vermont 05452 Buy, sell, trade FDC's
and special events. Also wants back issues of MASONIC PHILATELIST

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PHILATELIC SOCIETY is compiling a list of cacheted
covers produced for Roosevelt stamps, to be published in the FIRESIDE
CHATS (a publication of the Society). If you have issued such covers
please send prices, descriptions, samples, and/or photographs to:

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society
Gustav Dtejen, Jr. President
154 Laguna Court
St. Augustine Shores, Florida 32084

President Roosevelt was the nation's best known stamp collector. Yet when
stamp collectors think of him they usually call to mind the incident known
as Farley's Follies. The book that discloses the full story of that famous
incident is available for \$6.95, postpaid, from Louise Carfagno, BIA Exec.
Sec. 59 West Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA, 19401.

TO: Owners of Masonic Cacheted Cover Catalog

Now that almost a year has passed since I issued my basic Masonic Cacheted Cover
Catalog, several omissions have been pointed out and many new covers have been
issued. These items have been gathered into a 60 page supplement/addendum/errata
publication which pictures 190 FDC's, 117 Special Events covers and 12 General
Purpose covers. The format is the same as the basic catalog and the new items
are tabulated on 10 pages of sequential listings. The cost of this supplement is
\$3.25 plus a postage/handling fee of .75 for a net total of \$4.00; it can be ordered
now from:

Robert A. Domingue
59 Greenwood Road
Andover, MA 01810

WANTED-Cachets featuring Masonic Youth Groups (Rainbow, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and/or Daughters of the Nile. Ray Walli, 207 Zion Way, Santa Ana, CA 92703

Research Lodge of Orggon No. 198, Publishes Masonic Papers, Books, and cassette recordings of papers presented in the Lodge. For full membership details send SASE to Melvin C. Friendly, OEC, 5050 S.W. Griffith Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005

Covers honoring Grand Master of Florida, Past Grand Master of Iowa, and the Mosessoehn Brothers (Turo Stamp). \$1.00 each plus SASE. Information on other covers. Frank Cochrane, P.O.Box 93, Melbourne, Florida 32902

Commemorative Cover - 125th Anniversary of Portland (PA) Lodge No. 311, F&AM September 7, 1982 - 75¢ plus SASE from Walter Emery, Box 425 Portland, PA 18351

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC. - Regular monthly meetings October through June, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 1:30 pm, at The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, New York 10016 Telephone 683-0559. (Members of the Club often meet for informal dutch treat luncheon before meetings at Charlestown Gardens, Penthouse, B. Altman's Department Store, 5th Avenue and 34th Street New York City.

PERFIN COVERS - James Hoban 18¢ and 20¢ stamps perforated with Masonic Emblem and postmarked with first day cancellation. The pair for \$2.00 and #10 SASE from MASONIC PERFINs, Box 654, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

A set of five (5) Masonic First Day Covers honoring the 250th birthday of Brother George Washington \$9.50 a set from J. R. Allen, P.O.Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260 Featuring Grand Encampment Knights Templar, AASR NMJ, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and Louisiana Lodge No. 102, F & A.M. (New Orleans).

GIANT CATALOG-An encyclopedia of materials for philatelists, graphic artists, artists, designers, etc. 225 pages. Only \$5.00 postpaid from Eagle Supply Co. 327 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036

55th Annual Empire State Grotto Convention in Albany September 17-20, 1981 special cachet commemorating this event available for \$1.00 each from Allen L. Anderson, 6 Dean Place, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 SASE required with all orders.

MASONIC POSTAL CHESS CLUB- Practice your Masonic Fellowship with other chess players. Full details from Harry B. Slager, 6856 Cedral Place, Lemon Grove, CA 92045

STEPHENTOWN BICENTENNIAL 1984 - Stephentown, New York -Named for Grand Master Stephen Van Rensselaer will celebrate its Bicentennial in 1984. Write to your Congressman today and ask for a commemorative U.S. Postage stamp in 1984 honoring Stephen Van Rensselaer - the "good patron."

WANTED - Statue of Liberty memorabilia, posters, cards, etc for exhibit in Masonic Library. Please write describing anything you care to donate to Statue of Liberty Exhibit, Box 10, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd St., NYC 10010

The American Lodge of Research

By Charles A. Banten

The American Lodge of Research was chartered in May 1931 by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and its first Master, M.:W.:Charles H. Johnson, likened its purpose to that of the explorer seeking to penetrate those areas of the universe where conditions were unknown. More than fifty years have passed, the small group who obtained the charter are gone but their successors number in hundreds, located all over the world. Although the lodge has published fourteen volumes of TRANSACTIONS and probed many unexplored areas of Masonic history, its trestleboard remains the same, for the deeper we penetrate the more we discover new unknown lands.

Two classes of membership are designated; Active and Corresponding. The Active Members are admitted by regular affiliation, are limited to 100 in number, and have the privilege of paying higher annual dues and serving as officers of the Lodge. The Corresponding Members are admitted by subscription and now number over 600, located throughout the world. All Members receive the publications of the Lodge including the TRANSACTIONS.

The TRANSACTIONS are renowned for distinguished appearance and typography and the Lodge has achieved an international reputation for the quality and authenticity of scholarship contained therein.

An outstanding activity of the Lodge, in addition to the publications, is to hold meetings on special occasions throughout New York State and occasionally, when invited, in other jurisdictions. Every locality has its own Masonic tradition and it is a rewarding experience for the brothers of the Lodge to share in these unique opportunities for Masonic intercourse.

The Lodge By-laws require three stated communications (March 29, October 29, and December 27) in New York City and they are held in Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street. All brothers of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge are invited to attend. Membership in The American Lodge of Research is not a prerequisite for attendance.

Any brother interested in becoming a member of The American Lodge of Research is invited to send a self-addressed envelopes (legal size with a 20¢ stamp attached) to the Secretary, Box 210 Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street, New York, New York 10010 and full membership information will be sent by return mail.

MASONIC CASSETTE RECORDINGS

**(Suitable for Lodge Programs, Chapter Meetings
Open Meetings, or for individual education)**

"200 Years of Freemasonry in New York" by Dr. Allan Boudreau, recorded live at The New York Historical Society in New York City, 40 minutes.

"General George Washington" by Wendell K. Walker, recorded live at Knickerbocker Chapter No. 13, National Sojourners, United States Coast Guard Support Center, Governors Island, New York Harbor, 25 minutes.

"Masonic Vignettes" by Wilmer E. Bresee, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, selections from the two part anthology "Along Masonic Trails" and "Trails from East, West and South" by the author himself, 60 minutes.

"Masonic Community Service" by Dr. William Perlman, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, Grand Lodge of New York, a practical presentation of the opportunities for your Lodge to participate in community service, 24 minutes.

at \$6.00 each

The Secretary

The American Lodge of Research

Masonic Hall - Box 210

46 West 24th Street

New York, New York 10010

Enclosed is my check for _____ payable to The American Lodge of Research. Please send me the following tapes:

_____ "200 Years of Freemasonry in New York" by Boudreau

_____ "General George Washington" by Walker

_____ "Masonic Vignettes" by Bresee

_____ "Masonic Community Service" by Perlman

Name _____

Street and Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____