



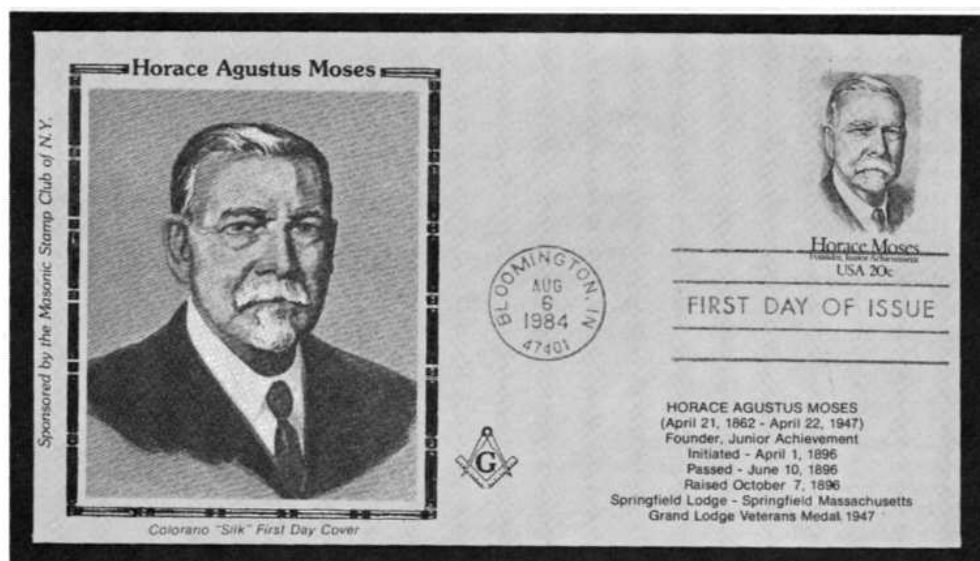
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved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

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Horace Augustus Moses was born in Ticonderoga, New York on April 21, 1862. He entered the papermaking business in 1891 with the Agawam Paper Company which eventually became the Strathmore Paper Company. Moses was greatly interested in developing closer relations between city and country and improving the position of the farmer which led to his founding of the Junior Achievement which has helped an estimated 10 million young people receive practical experience and education in many fields with the aid of professional people and business leaders.

Moses was initiated in Springfield Lodge in Springfield, Massachusetts in April 1896; passed June 10, 1896; raised October 7, 1896. He received the Veterans Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1947. He died on April 27, 1947.

Regular meetings, 2:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday each month except July and August at:

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COLLECTING MASONIC SEALS AND LABELS

By George H. Wettach

Masonic seals and labels make an interesting and colorful sideline of Masonic philately. The comments on Christmas Seals in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps* are appropriate in this case. There it states, "While the Christmas Seal is not a postage stamp, because of its use on letters and packages it has come to be associated with the postal service and so has attracted stamp collectors". Since Masonic seals are issued primarily for use on letters, the collecting of them is compatible with Masonic philately. Incidentally, Masonic seals are not limited to the United States as one is known from Canada. Possibly seals exist from other Masonic jurisdictions.

A Masonic seal used on an ordinary envelope makes it a Masonic cover, especially if it is tied to cover by the postmark. Masonic covers have been created by having Masonic seals tied to card or cover by the special postmarks used at many philatelic exhibitions although any postmark would do. However, this article concerns seals, per se, and not covers.

In the case of Masonic seal collecting the surface has been merely scratched. There are probably many seals still to be discovered and listed by Masonic stamp collectors. The numerous seals and labels from eight major bodies of Masonry may be tentatively categorized as follows:

- I Fund Raising
- II Masonic Anniversaries
- III U.S. Bicentennial Observance
- IV George Washington's 250th Birthday Anniversary
- V Miscellaneous

The above categories may be subdivided into National/

State Bodies; Local Bodies; General Purposes; Specific Purposes, etc.

The accompanying illustrations of a few selected types of Masonic seals show the many shapes and sizes to be found. Most have gum but some are of the self-sticking variety.

Some seals are changed each year by the issuing body and may be differentiated by a date, a change of design or color, or both. The New York Eastern Star seals and the Nebraska Masonic Home seals are good examples of this. The Shrine fez seals are not varied by years but, in some cases, by the names of certain Shrine Temples in the design. At present it is not known how many individual Shrine Temple seals have been issued.

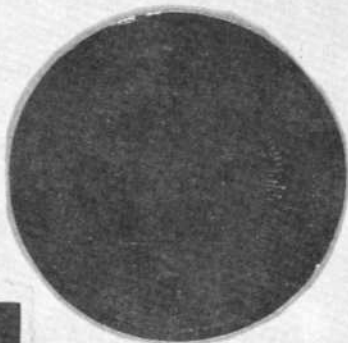
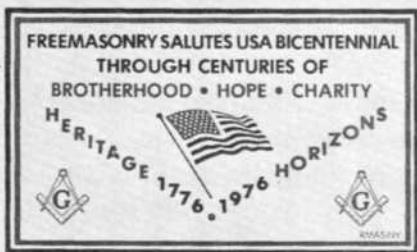
Since research is still going on, it would be appreciated if answers could be had to the following questions:

1. When was the *first* Masonic seal issued and by whom?
2. When did *each* Masonic body first issue seals?
3. When, where and by whom was the illustrated German language seal issued?
4. What other Masonic bodies have issued seals?
5. What foreign Masonic seals are known?
6. Should we publish sources and costs of seals?

Sincere thanks are due many Brothers and others who helped in this project by sending seals and information.

Readers are invited to send comments, criticism, suggestions, new seals and information to:

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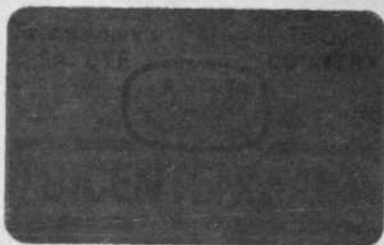
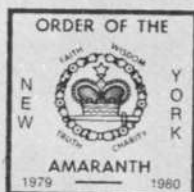
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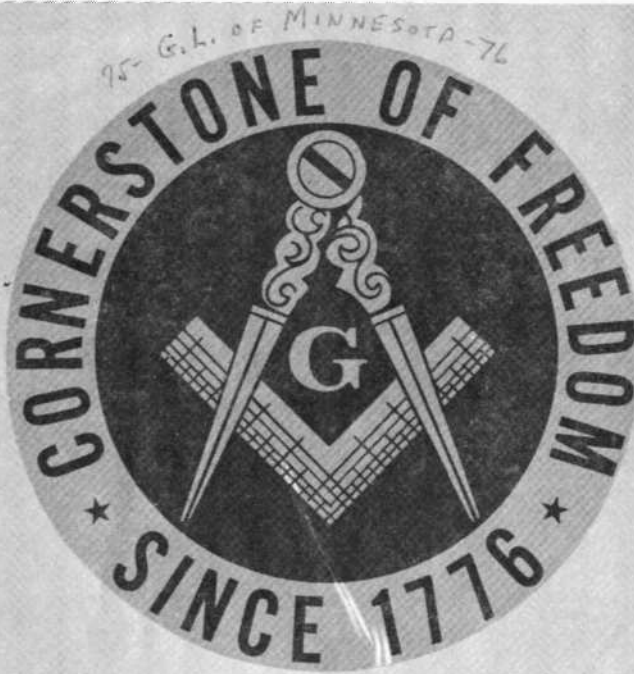
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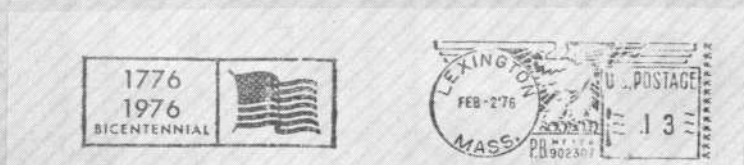
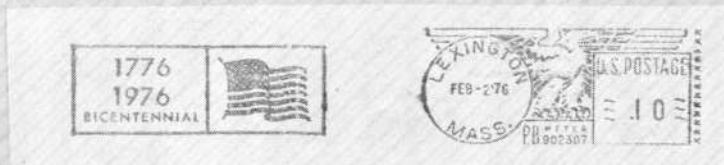
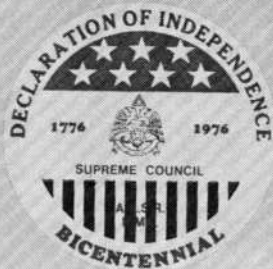
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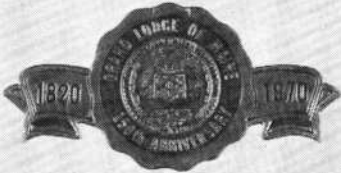
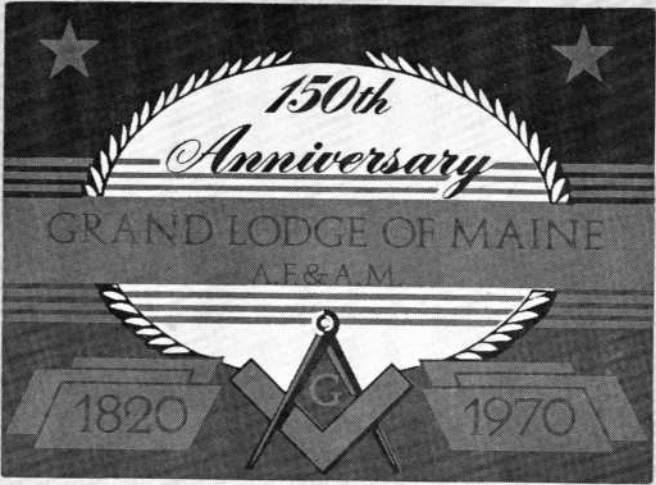
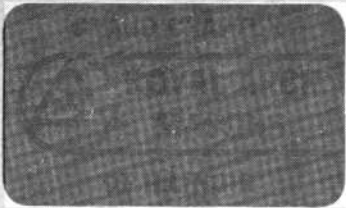
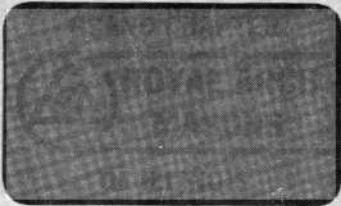


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Fellow Masonic Cover Collector:

Following the excellent reception given to my U.S. Masonic Cacheted Cover Catalog published in 1981, it seemed logical that I should expand my search to include worldwide Masonic Cacheted Covers. I solicited and received valuable assistance from many brethren in countries throughout the world to add to the cover knowledge which I already had. After several, several months of compiling information and editing the assembled data, I have been successful in preparing a Foreign Masonic Cacheted Covers Catalog. Over 470 such covers have been identified and all but 27 are illustrated - 24 of these are already illustrated in my U.S. Masonic Cacheted Covers Catalog and are not repeated in this volume. A total of 59 countries from Argentina to Wallis & Futuna are represented; the covers date from 1951 to the present.

The catalog is 8 1/2 X 11, 92 pages, vertical loose leaf format, unbound for ease of use and updating. It is printed on both sides and has been left with no holes punched so the owner has the option of binding or punching to his own format. Following an introductory page, there are 68 pages of illustrations which picture 444 covers with a half size reduction. Another 22 pages provide a complete listing of the 471 identified covers defining issue date, franking, publisher, cachet color and description and cancellation city.

This catalog will be available for distribution by the end of January 1985 and can be ordered from the author/publisher identified below. The cost will be \$6.00 plus postage and handling: \$1.00 for U.S. book rate, \$2.00 for U.S. First Class, \$1.25 for foreign book rate surface mail and \$3.50 for foreign air mail.

For those who may be interested, copies of my U.S. Masonic Cacheted Covers Catalog are still available. The cost of this catalog and the first supplement is \$15.50 plus \$1.50 postage and handling (book rate mail). I hope to have the second Supplement (for 1983/84) available for distribution this spring.

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