



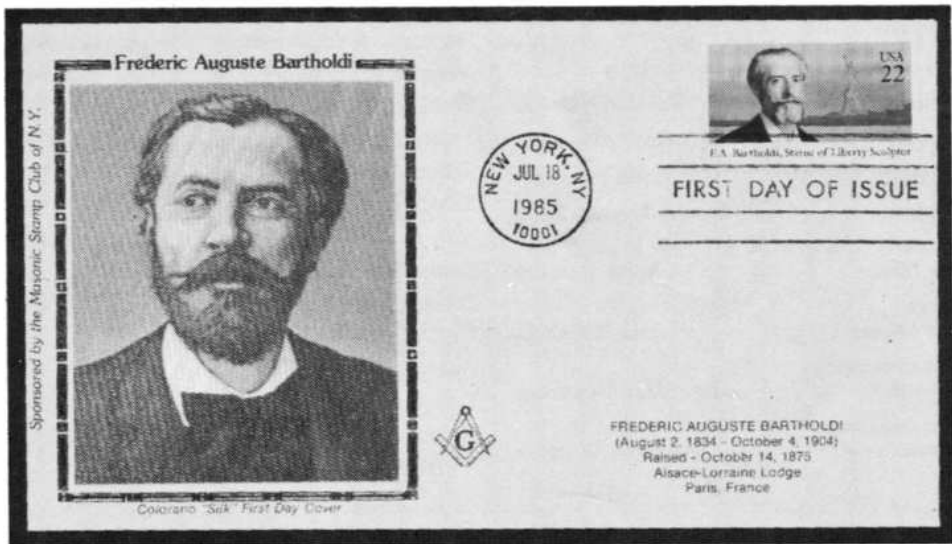
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March 11, 1986

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York,
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Attention: Br. N. Batalias

Dear Br. Batalias:

Enclosed is a complimentary copy of my book "Postage Stamps and Freemasonry". I believe it to be a fairly comprehensive work on North American Masonic Philately, and would be pleased if you would accept it as a personal gift. Please be sure to read Section 7 in Book One for a clear understanding of how I have arranged the Stamp Guides at the back of the book.

It has taken some two and one-half years of "spare time" to compile this work. As you will note, I have attempted to systemize the process of finding "related" stamps, making research a lot less frustrating.

If any member of the Masonic Stamp Club would like a copy of this book, it may be ordered from:

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The cost is \$26.00 (U. S.) or \$35.00(Canadian) Post Paid.

I wish to mention that the enclosed book is one of eight preliminary copies. The book for actual distribution will have the title gold stamped on the cover along with other improvements.

Hoping you will find the book useful, I am,

Yours fraternally,


C. L. Murphy



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Dear Bro. Boudreau,

This is to let you know, that the Masonic Philatelic Studygroup "De Getande Hand" has issued a new special Masonic cover for the 200th anniversary of the Lodge "DE GEMERSCHE BROEDERSCHAAP" No. 23, in the east of ARNHEM.

I am sending you this new cover with the special postmark placed at our disposal by the Postmaster General.

As the enclosed insert is in the Dutch language, I am sending you also the translation into English, in case you want to publish this enclosed insert too.

On the 20th March will be issued the special Masonic cover for the 225th anniversary of the Lodge "L'AURORÉ" No. 9, in the east of BRUXELLES. For this cover the General Postmaster has also placed at our disposal a special postmark. Although this cover will not be issued before the 20th of March I am sending you this photo-copy as specimen for publication in your magazine. With this specimen goes also the enclosed insert with the translation in English.

These two covers are for sale at the price of \$ 2.00 each, including postage for sending in a closed envelope by air-mail. Order from me, W.F. Smit, Koningshof, flat 28, Utrechtseweg 62, 6866 CM HEELSUM, NETHERLANDS. I am sorry to say, that only US \$ bills can be accepted. Cheques cannot be accepted, due to difficulties in cashing cheques. The price for 6 covers is \$ 10.00.

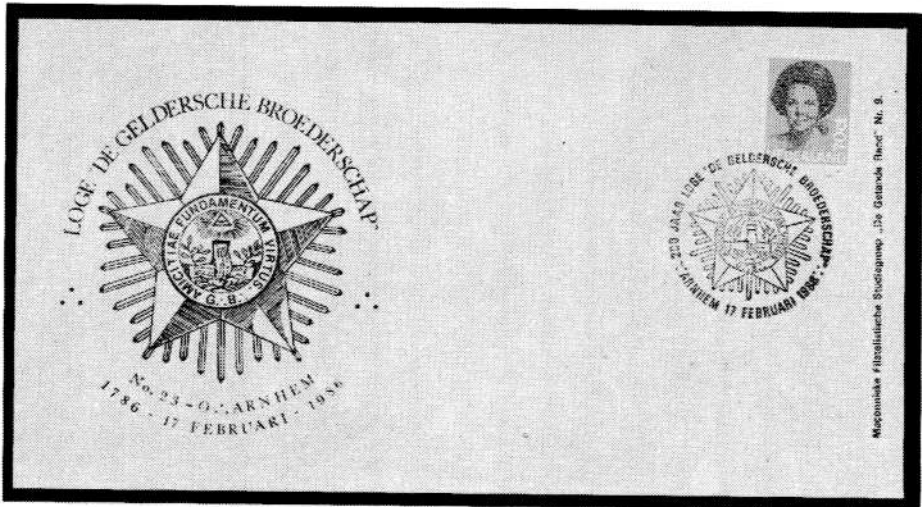
I would like to ask you, if you please could be so kind to make an announcement in your magazine with a photo-copy of these covers, to enable the brethren to order these covers.


Looking forward to hear from you, and thanking you in advance for the announcement of these Masonic covers in your magazine, with kind regards,

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.F. Smit', written over a horizontal line.

President Masonic Philatelic
Studygroup "De Getande Hand".





1786 - Loge "DE GELDERSCHIE BROEDERSCHAP" - 1986


Eene enveloppe wordt uitgegeven door de Maatschappij Filizolische Studiogr. "De Getande Rand" ter gelegenheid van het 200-jarig bestaan van de Achtbare Loge "DE GELDERSCHIE BROEDERSCHAP" No. 23 in het Gooite Arnhem.

Op 17 februari 1786 werd door Carol Baron van Roetselaar, Grootmeester Nationaal van de Aloude en naar Gelderse Maatschappij der Vrije en Aelgenemene Wetzelaren binnen de Republiek der Vereenigde Nederlanden, Besport van de Generaaliteit en onderhoorige Volkplantingen, een wettige Constitutie-brief verleend aan een aantal der toen genoemde Broeders woonde te Arnhem tot het stichten van een geregulede loge onder de naam van "DE GELDERSCHIE BROEDERSCHAP".

In het jaar 1986 wordt op verschillende wijzen dit 200-jarig bestaan herdacht, onder andere door een herdenkingsoomsert uitgevoerd door het Gelders Oekust in het Musie-Sacram te Arnhem.

De Loge kent een bloeiend bestaan.



Het embleem en het poststempel op de enveloppe zijn ontleend aan het zegel van de Loge "DE GELDERSCHIE BROEDERSCHAP".





Majoorlijk Comité van Bestuur "De Gouden Raaf" Nr. 10

1761 - Loge "L'AURORE" - 1966

Deze enveloppe werd uitgegeven door de Nationale Filatelische Studievereniging "De Gouden Raaf" ter gelegenheid van het 225-jarig bestaan van de Nederlandse Vrijmetselaarsloge "L'AURORE" No. 3 te BRIELLE.

Op 23-12-1760 stonden 3 leden van de Orde van Vrijmetselaars een verzoek in om in Brielle een Loge te mogen oprichten onder de naam "L'AURORE". Op 7 Januari 1761 werd het oprichtingsdocument opgesteld. Deze Constitutiebrief, die nog altijd in Brielle wettig wordt bewaard, geeft aan Jacobus Van Borchsum het recht om als eerste voorzitter een regelmatige Loge te vormen onder de naam "L'AURORE". Deze Constitutiebrief werd afgegeven door de toenmalige Grootmeester der Orde, Carel Baron van Bontheleer, Lieutnant Colonel der Infanterie en Captain der Hollandsche Gardes te Vlot, Grootmeester van de Aloude en Heer Vereerde Mestschappij der Vrije en aangelegene Metropoolen binnen de Republiek der Vereenigde Nederlanden, Partijt van de Generalittijt en onderhoorige Veldplantingen.

De oprichting vond plaats op 20 maart 1761. De leden van "L'AURORE" kwamen bijeen in de Stadsdoelen, een gebouw dat nog steeds bestaat en waar leden ten dage het bestuurskantoor in gehuisvest.

Van 1798 tot 1822 vond de Loge onderdak in het Groot Logement in de Nobelstraat, dat toen bekend stond als de herberg "De Prins van Orange". Circa 50 jaar in de Loge daarna "Lager" geweest, om op 14 Juni 1870 weer heropend te worden met machtiging van het Koninkrijk. In 1894 werd het pand Houtstraat 21 eigendom van de Loge, alwaar sinds 12 Februari 1905 tot op heden de vrijmetselaarsbijeenkomsten worden gehouden.

Na de tweede wereldoorlog bleef het ledental gevaluen tot maar 9 leden, die pas in 1965 naar de beschikking kwamen over hun eigen gebouw. Toen in 1977 het landschapse personeel een werkdag gekocht, werd dit zodanig verbouwd, dat het - één geheel vormend met het bestaande gebouw - later plaats bood aan de groeiende Loge. Het ledental van de Loge "L'AURORE" telt nog steeds toe en is nu reeds de zeventig geklommen.

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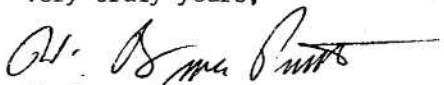
Dear Brother Yarry,

I am sending you an article which I hope will be suitable for publication in the Masonic Philatelist. I am a long-time member of the Masonic Stamp Club, from a long ways away. Have enjoyed the periodical very much. Hope I can contribute something in return.

The collection which is the subject of this article is a very attractive one. It occurred to me that you might like to print some of the more attractive and interesting pages. They would go well with this little write-up. You could also hold some of them, and use them individually in later months. Please let me know what you think.

(Biography: I am a P.M. of Los Altos Lodge; dual member of Hiram Lodge No. 68, Anderson, SC; Past High Priest of Palo Alto Chapter 93, RAM; Commander of Palo Alto Commandery 47, KI.)

Very truly yours,


W. Bruce Pruitt

PS. The entire collection has been Xeroxed. Do you think anyone would want a complete copy of it? It occurs to me that, for a modest cost, a set could be made available. I do not want to make a commercial venture out of it, though.

The Vern Ireton/Los Altos Lodge Masonic Stamp Collection

By W. Bruce Pruitt, Past Master

In the archives of Los Altos Lodge No. 712, F&AM, Los Altos, CA, there is a beautiful pair of albums containing the Masonic stamp collection of Past Master Vern Richard Ireton. The frontpiece of the first album is an attractive page containing the Allseeing Eye, Square & Compass & "G", and on the bottom border are the Mark Master Keystone, the Grotto bust, and the scottish Rite Double Eagle. The title is:

"Masonry On Stamps"

The subtitle is:

"The story of our brethren as told by postage stamps of a grateful nation."

The first volume is composed of foreign stamps. The second is devoted to American Masons and stamps. The foreign section begins with a page devoted to Scott No. B61 of Algeria, issued on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to Emir Abd-El-Kadar at Cacheron. It pictures the Emir (Sultan) and French Marshal T. R. Bugeaud. Brother Ireton's write-up describes the Sultan's ascension to the throne in 1831 and his installation into the Masonic Lodge on June 18, 1864 at a special convening of the Lodge of Pyramids in Alexandria, Egypt.

With this beginning, the first album continues through 49 pages, each devoted to a specific person. Some examples of pages dedicated to individuals honored by stamps are:

Mariano Moreno, Argentine patriot, jurist, and a main-spring of the Revolution of 1810. Member of Independence Lodge of Buenos Aires. (Argentine Nos. 23 & 427).

Fernando Figuerdo, raised in King Solomon's Lodge, New York in 1868, founder of the city of Tampa, Fla., and later government official in his native Cuba. He was Grand Master Cuba in 1907. (Cuba 455, 456 & 457).

King George II of Greece. Exiled to England where he held the position of Grand Warden. (Greece 484, 485, & 486).

Capt. John Stuart, an Australian explorer. A legend is woven around him that during an exploration he met an aborigine who gave a Masonic sign, and insisted upon one in return before he would guide the party to water. (Australia 104, 105)

The Austrian composer, Franz Joseph Hayden, (Austria B50) a master of the quartet and symphony, composer of the Austrian National Anthem, and an associate of Mozart.

Joel Pinsett, U. S. Secretary of War under President Van Buren, and Minister to Mexico from 1825 to 1829. He improved a Mexican flower, now known as the Poinsettia, at his plantation home near Greenville, S.C. He served South Carolina Masonry in several positions including Deputy Grand Master and Grand High Priest of Royal Arch (from 1821 to 1841). (El Salvador T14 & (T15)

General Guisepppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot and ardent Mason. (Italy 796, 797, 798, and U.S. 1168 & 1169)

There are even women featured in this Masonic Stamp Collection:

Florence Nightingale, who is the namesake of Florence Nightingale Lodge No. 706, London England. (Costa Rica C120)

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, who had many associations with the Fraternity, and assumed the title of: "Protector of the Craft". (Netherlands 304, 307, & 345)

Queen Elisabeth II, who is Patroness of each of the three Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions conducted by the Grand Lodge of England. (Great Britain 297, etc)

This first album of the Vern Ireton Collection is concluded with a few pages of Masonic cancellations. Found here are a square and compass, six-pointed star, and trowel cancellation. There is also a cover with a bull's eye strike on Scott 136/214. The cancellation has no year, but is dated "5 SEP" and originated at Mason Village, N.H.

The second album is entitled:

"American Masons on Stamps"

It begins with an attractive page containing Masonic symbols and U.S. number 874 and C71, commemorating John James Audubon. The next page has no. 776, in honor of Stephen Austin. Dr. Ireton then began with George Washington and progressed chronologically through the complete list of Masonic Presidents, ending with Worthy Brother Harry S. Truman. He even sprinkled in a couple of interesting covers postmarked at "Washington, CA" and "Jefferson, OR." We then find sixty one pages, most of which contain a single stamp and an article on an American Mason which it commemorates.

Some extremely impressive examples of research are contained on these pages. For example:

William King, first Governor of Maine, and Brother Rufus King, are recognized with Scott no. 1099, the "Religious Freedom" stamp. Brother King was made a Mason in Boston, Mass. on 3 Feb. 1800. He later became first Master of Solar Lodge No. 14, Bath, Maine on September 10, 1804. In 1820 he became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He was one of those who actually drafted and enacted the Religious Freedom Bill.

Arizona statehood is celebrated by U.S. No. 1192. The first governor of that state was George W. P. Hunt, a member of White Mountain Lodge No. 3, Globe, Arizona. He was a Knight Templar and Noble of ElZaribah Shrine Temple of Phoenix, AZ.

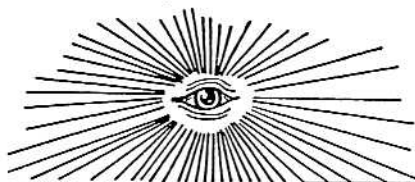
Although James McHenry has no stamp with his picture on it, the Ireton Collection contains an interesting account of him and U.S. 962, with Francis Scott key and Fort McHenry in the background.

U.S. Stamp No. 954, commemorating the first discovery of gold in California, was issued in 1948. That discovery was made by James W. Marshall, employed by John A. Sutter, and assisted by Charles R. Bennett, all Masons.

The first governor of Kansas was also a Mason. Charles Robinson was his name; he was a member of Lawrence Lodge No. 6. The centennial of that state was recognized by U.S. No. 1183.

These are only a few abbreviated examples of the very interesting and attractive displays of this outstanding collection. Other typical pages are included in facsimile as a part of this article.

Brother Vern Richard Ireton was born on 21 February, 1910 in Oklahoma. he died on 19 May, 1965. He was made a Mason in Los Altos Lodge No. 712; initiated 2-13-56, passed 4-16-56, and raised 6-25-56. he served the Lodge as Master in 1965. The collection described in this article was donated to the Lodge by his widow at his request. It is greatly valued by all the members.



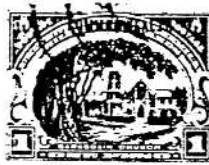
Masonry on Stamps



The story of our Brethren
as told by postage stamps
of grateful nations.



EMILIO AGUINALDO



Philippines No. 393

Over half a century ago the name of General Emilio Aguinaldo was a familiar word; time has effaced the memory of his name, but not his accomplishments. Aguinaldo was a true patriot inspired with love of country and fired with hatred at the conditions under which his people lived. He headed a revolutionary group which attempted to oust Spain from control of the Philippine Islands. After the United States had entered the war with Spain and had purchased the islands for twenty million dollars, Aguinaldo was designated by the United States to set up a government and be its first President. This was accomplished on June 12, 1898.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Pilar Lodge, at that time working under the Grande Orient Espanol, on January 1, 1895. On receiving his Master Mason degree he became Master of the Lodge located in the municipality of Imus, in the province of Cavite. Later on, he, with the members of the Fraternity founded the Lodge "Triangle Magdalo", in the municipality of Cavito Viejo (now Kawir) of the same province, becoming Master. This Triangle later became Magaldo Lodge. This Lodge held its meetings on Brother Aguinaldo's residence. In February 1917, after the fusion of the Grande Orient Espanol with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, he became a Scottish Rite Mason, thereby becoming one of the first members of the newly established Lakondola Lodge of Perfection, Burgos Chapter of Rose Croix, Malcampo Council of Kadosh, and Rizel Consistory.

The inauguration of Aguinaldo as the first President of the Republic of the Philippines was held in the Barasoain Church in Maloos, Bulcan.

EDWARD BENES
CZECHOSLOVAKIA



Czech. 318



Czech. 340

President of Czechoslovakia during the Hitler era. Benes was initiated in Jan Amos Komensky Lodge No. 1 of Prague in 1924 or 1925. This Lodge was considered to be the oldest modern Czechoslovakian Lodge. He later affiliated with Pravda Vitezi Lodge, (Truth Shall Prevail) of Prague, being passed and raised in this latter Lodge about 1927 or 1928. When he was elected President of Czechoslovakia he withdrew from active Masonry, but remained interested in the fraternity, and rendered his full moral and financial support in London, when the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in exile, was established as well as the Comenius in exile Lodge.

Benes succeeded Thomas Masaryk as President on December 18, 1935. Later when France and Britian yielded to Hitler by signing the Munich agreement, Benes resigned on October 5, 1938. During World War II, he led the Czech Government-in-exile from France and later Londin. When Prague was liberated on May 5, 1945, Benes was re-elected President, and served until Klement Gottwald, his communist Prime Minister, demanded the installation of a communist cabinet. He permitted this communist movement, but resigned on June 7, 1948. Evidently the pressures of his position had been too great, as he died soon after at Sezimovo Usti on September 3, 1948.

KING LEOPOLD I



Belgium No. 218

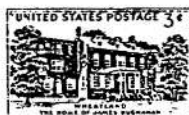
King of the Independent country of Belgium, German prince, uncle of Queen Victoria. He was elected as King in 1831 and was referred to as "Nestor of Europe".

King Leopold was initiated in the Lodge Esperance of Berne, Switzerland in 1813, at the age of 23. About the time of his marriage to Princess Charlotte of England in 1816, or shortly thereafter he joined Friendship Lodge No. 6 in London, and took an active part in all its proceedings. When he became King of Belgium, he took the craft under his official protection. Later, when he became a widower, on all his trips to Germany, he took part in Masonry. As King, however, he was unable to attend the Lodges, but frequently inquired into their workings, and always expressed his pleasure at their prosperity. At his death the Grand Orient of Belgium adopted this resolution; "Masonry has just suffered a cruel loss in the death of one of the most illustrious members, who, called to the throne by the free and enlightened suffrages of the Belgium people, never abnegated his title of Mason, but on the contrary, extended to us his powerful protection. We have lost an eminent brother, who, faithful to his oath, has during a reign of five and thirty years, practiced with love and sincerity those grand principles of humanity which constitute the basis of our order, thus acquiring the esteem and friendship of his brethren, the veneration of the Belgium people, and the respect and admiration of his contemporaries. Leopold, King of the Belgians who acquired the grade of Chev. K. D; 30^o died with the calm and serenity of a just man, and with the stoticism of a true Mason.....Our noble brother has left us a noble example to follow."

JAMES BUCHANAN
FIFTEENTH U. S. PRESIDENT
March 4, 1857 to March 4, 1861



U. S. 820



U. S. 1081

James Buchanan was initiated on December 11, 1816, in Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was Passed and Raised on January 24, 1817. He served this Lodge as Junior Warden on December 13, 1820. He later became Master of the Lodge on December 23, 1822, and was installed on March 12, 1825. In 1858 he was elected to a life membership.

On December 27, 1823, he was appointed First District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter No. 43 of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on May 20, 1826.

When the Statue of George Washington was Masonically dedicated in Washington Circle in Washington D. C., on February 22, 1860, he was in attendance and delivered the dedicatory address.

WHEATLAND - HOME OF JAMES BUCHANAN

Freemasons of Pennsylvania honored James Buchanan, the nation's fifteenth President and the first and only one from Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1961 at Wheatland, the restored Buchanan home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Representing the 260,000 Freemasons of the state, Max F. Balcom, The Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, conducted the hour long ceremonies. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons honored James Buchanan for his dedication to the nation as President of the United States from 1857 to 1861, and for his leadership in the Fraternity.

Through the cooperation of the Wheatland Foundation, a Lancaster civic group, that has acquired and restored the Buchanan homestead, the Grand Lodge officers and those of the twelve Masonic Lodges in Lancaster County dedicated a plaque that was placed in the Wheatland Trophy Room, along with President Buchanan preserved Masonic articles.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

TWENTY-FIFTH U. S. PRESIDENT
 Sept. 14, 1901 to March 4, 1909



U. S. 830



U. S. 856



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Theodore Roosevelt's Masonic career did not begin until after his election to the Vice Presidency, upon reaching the age of forty-three; he was initiated, passed, and raised in Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in his home community of Oyster Bay, Long Island, January to April 1901. The Degree work was performed by noted Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; his gardener, Seaman was Worshipful Master.

He was elected an Honorary member of Pentalpa Lodge, No. 23, Washington D. C. on April 4, 1904. He was also an Honorary member of the Illinois Masonic Association in 1903. On November 5, 1902, he attended the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebration of Washington's initiation in Philadelphia.

Throughout the remainder of his life he was active in Masonic affairs, made many Masonic addresses, and often took part in Masonic ceremonies and in the laying of cornerstones of notable public buildings.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT
TWENTY-SIXTH U. S. PRESIDENT
March 4, 1909 to March 4, 1913



U. S. 685



U. S. 831

President Taft has the distinction of having been made a "Mason at Sight," a procedure not approved by some Grand Lodges, but universally accepted by Freemasons in the United States. This action took place at an "Occasional Lodge," on February 18, 1909, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Grand Master, Charles S. Hoskinson, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. During the evening of the same day, President Taft witnessed the work of the Master Mason Degree as a fellow brother was raised by the Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was later elected full membership by this Lodge, April 14, 1909, a little over one month after his inauguration as President.

He was elected to an Honorary membership in Crescent Lodge, No. 25 Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 5, 1918. He visited St. John's Lodge No. 1, Newark, New Jersey, on May 11, 1911, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

Most famous among William Howard Taft's Masonic activities was an address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 27, 1914, in which he commented on the manner in which he had entered the Fraternity. He expressed regrets that he had not followed the usual path, explaining that the exceptional mode in which he had been made a Master Mason had been due to circumstances over which he had no control. William Howard Taft remained deeply grateful for the high ideals and principles of Freemasonry and was always proud of his membership in the Fraternity.

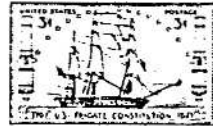
HENRY KNOX



U. S. No. 789
WEST POINT



U. S. No. 854
INAUGURATION



U. S. No. 951
OLD IRONSIDES

Revolutionary War General who was Commander of Artillery Forces, and Washington's trusted advisor. He was Secretary of War in 1785-94 and first to hold that office under the Continental Congress, and later under Washington when he became first President. Fort Knox, a military post and reservation was established in Kentucky in 1918 and named in his honor.

Knox is pictured on United States 854 at the inauguration of Washington. The five prominent Masons pictured are Robert Livingston, giving the oath, Washington, Baron Von Steuben, Roger Sherman, and Henry Knox. The man holding the Bible on a cushion is M. Otis, Secretary of the Senate, who was not a Mason to our knowledge.

Knox was also founder and organizer of West Point (shown on United States No. 789). He also served as its commander from 1782 to 1784 while it was a Military School. An act of Congress in 1802 made it the United States Military Academy.

Historians place his early membership at the St. Johns Regimental Lodge at Morristown, New Jersey, which was warranted in 1775. He is also said to have assisted in organizing Washington Lodge at West Point in 1779. He is reported as a visitor to Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Williamsburg, Virginia; St. Johns Lodge, Boston; Amity Lodge No. 6, Camden, Maine; and Orient Lodge No. 15, Thomaston, Maine.

Major General Henry Knox Lodge was named in his honor and constituted aboard the famous "Old Ironsides" (United States No. 951) in the Charleston Navy Yard on March 17, 1926.

FORT SUMTER



U. S. No. 1178

On April 12, 1961 the United States Postal Department issued the first civil war commemorative. This stamp is rich in Masonic significance, as Major Robert Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter for the Union forces, and Pierre G. T. Beauregard, Brigadier General in charge of the Confederate artillery batteries, were both masons.

Beauregard received his artillery training from Major Robert Anderson while attending West Point, and at the outbreak of the civil war was superintendent of the military academy at West Point. He later resigned this post to enter the Confederate army. The fact that there was this close relationship and because both men were Masons might account for the reason that Major Anderson was permitted to evacuate the Fort, after 34 hours of shelling, in which 2500 shells were fired into the garrison, reducing it to rubble. Major Anderson later said, "I was allowed to leave the fort with colors flying and drums beating, bringing away company and private property, and saluting my flag with 50 guns." (Note - this same flag after being kept by Major Anderson after leaving the fort, was directed to be again raised over Fort Sumter on April 12, 1865, just four years later to the day the attack on the fort started. Even as Major Anderson toasted President Lincoln at a dinner later that evening, the President lay dead in Ford's theatre from an assassin's bullet.) After leaving the fort at its surrender, Major Anderson returned to the North on the ship "Baltic", and his name was transformed into a rallying cry of fierce Union inspiration.

Robert Anderson, who history now records as the hero of Fort Sumter, was raised in Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, New Jersey, on May 27, 1858. He was also an honorary member of Pacific Lodge No. 233 of New York City. In 1859 he was Senior Warden of Mercer Lodge, but was ordered to Charleston, South Carolina, and withdrew at the end of the year. He received his Knight Templar degrees in Columbia Commandery No. 1 of New York City in December, 1862 and January, 1863, and was made a life member October 28, 1867. Pierre Beauregard was a Mason and Knight Templar.

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Dear Dr. Yarry:

Please find enclosed your copy of the print "The Light of Masonry" for your own personal use.

You will also find enclosed a brief News Release that we would greatly appreciate your sharing with the readers of your publication.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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In 1901 the M.G. Lilley Company of Columbus, Ohio, distributed a print, "The Light of Masonry". Though the name of the artist who drew the print is unknown, he clearly understood Freemasonry. The symbols and history of the Craft are correctly presented in beautifully drawn detail and color.

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Related Masonic organizations

Organizations directly or indirectly related to the Masonic fraternity are those for men beyond their Lodge activities and those for women and youth which may or may not require that a relative be a Mason as a qualification for membership.

1. Scottish Rite Maxons A.A.S.R. (Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite) Consistory (19th - 32nd degrees), Council of Princes (15-16), Chapter of Rose Croix (17-18) and the Lodge of Perfection (4-14); two U.S. Supreme Councils, Northern Jurisdiction and Southern Jurisdiction. The 33rd degree is obtained by election or honorary award by one of the Supreme Councils. Scottish Rite membership requires current membership in a Masonic lodge.

2. York Rite Masons: Royal Arch, Cryptic Masons, and Knights Templar. Membership requires Lodge membership; Cryptic Councils and Knights Templar Commanderies require current membership in Royal Arch Chapters.

3. Shrine Masons (A.A.O.N.M.S. - Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine) Perhaps the best known to the public because of their nationally televised annual East-West Shrine football classic, their Shrine circuses and parades, and their 70-million dollar-a-year Crippled Children Hospitals and Burns Institutes. Either York or Scottish Rite membership is required.

4. Grottos of North America (M.O.V.P.E.R. - Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm) Similar to the Shrine in its ritual and charitable dedication, though much smaller in terms of membership and financial resources. Membership in a Lodge is an applicant's prerequisite.

5. Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the U.S. - similar to the Shrine and Grotto, contributes to charities

6. National League of Masonic Clubs unites many local clubs of Masons formed usually on the basis of community or vocational interests. There are also many Masonic clubs or associations which have no affiliation with this League. Requirements for membership vary from being a Masonic Lodge member to a Past Master or a Past Grand Lodge Officer.

7. Order of De Molay. Local chapters under an International Supreme Council (Kansas City) for young men ages 13 to 20. Encourages the involvement of Masons as Advisors to help DeMolay members develop character and moral stability while attaining various skills such as speaking before groups, planning organization events, and engaging in community service.

8. Order of the Eastern Star, a women's organization in which Masons may participate; requires a Masonic family relationship to join. Local chapters under state Grand Chapters and a General Grand Chapter.

9. Order of the Amaranth. Similar to the Eastern Star with the same requirements for membership. Local Courts and state Grand Courts

10. Order of Rainbow for Girls. Local chapters under an international organization; ages 13-20; similar to DeMolay for boys. Requires Masonic family relationship for membership.

11. Organization of Triangles. Local Chapters under a New York headquarters; ages 13-20; similar to Rainbow; requires Masonic blood relationship to a Master Mason in good standing for acceptance.

12. Constellation of Junior Stars. Similar to Rainbow and Triangle but closely allied to Order of Eastern Star.

Masonry and its charities

The Masonic Fraternity today carries forward the ancient charitable tradition of the operative stone masons who formed guilds to provide benevolent protection for their members, their wives, widows, and orphans. Charity is a hallmark of the Fraternity.

In a study of 1983, Masons of the United States were credited for annual charitable contributions amounting to more than 400-million dollars. This amount includes not only the funds from the 50 Grand Lodge jurisdictions and their respective Lodges, but also from related organizations which support the following services to mankind: The Scottish Rite (A.A.S.R.), Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.: Museum of our National Heritage, Lexington, Mass. Extensive research into the causes of schizophrenia, journalism scholarships.

The Scottish Rite (A.A.S.R.), Supreme Council of the U.S.: Southern Masonic Jurisdiction: Endowment and graduate scholarships, School of Government, The George Washington University, and elsewhere.

The Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.): Maintains 19 Orthopedic hospitals and 3 Burns Institutes in the U.S. and Canada for burned or crippled children at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Knights Templar: National, Extensive Eye Foundation for Research and Medical Assistance; Scholarship Loan Foundation in N.Y.S.

Royal Arch Masons: Medical assistance for diseases of the lungs; scholarship grants; medical research grants.

Cryptic Masons Grand Council Charity Fund: Donations to Parkinsons Disease and elsewhere.

Humanitarian Foundation of the Supreme Council, Grottos of North America: Aid to cerebral palsy children; dentistry for the handicapped.

National League of Masonic Clubs: Scholarships

Masonic Service Association of the United States: Disaster relief, hospital visitation service and information service.

Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada: Coordinates certain welfare activities.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon: Supports the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York: Contributions and gifts to patients in Veterans Administration hospitals.

The Grand Lodge of New York funds a home for senior citizens at Utica with an annual budget in excess of 13 million dollars. In addition it funds basic bio-medical research conducted by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory which is world renowned among scientists for its findings; maintains a Library and Museum in N.Y.C., and one at Utica, N.Y.; supports a visitation program service to veterans hospitals; maintains the George Washington Shrine at Tappan, N.Y.; and supports the N.Y. Masonic Youth Foundation and the N.Y. DeMolay Foundation.

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