



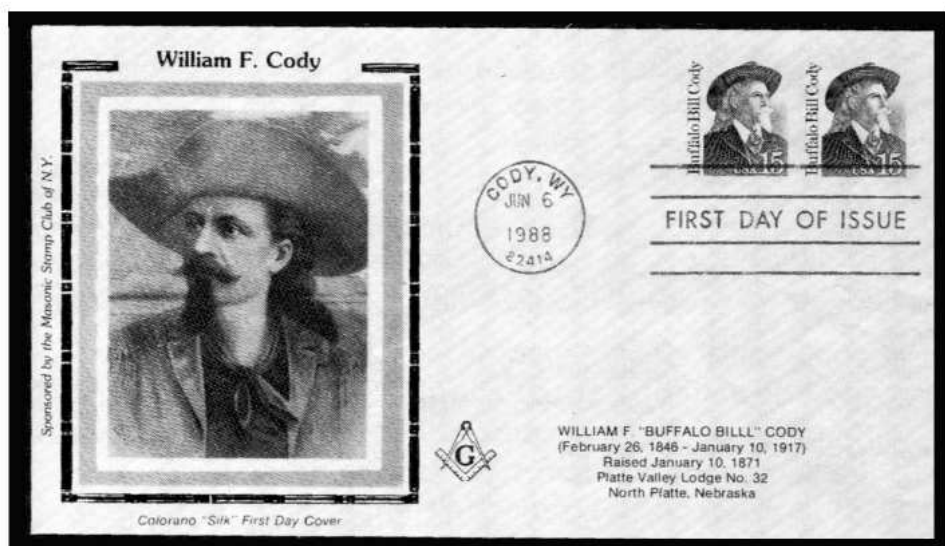
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The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

ON THE COVER

William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born in Scott County, Iowa on February 26, 1846. He was raised a Mason in Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte, Nebraska. His Royal Arch mark in Euphrates Chapter No. 15 was a buffalo's head.

Cody's life paralleled the development of the Western United States. He worked as a messenger, pony express rider, calvaryman, scout, hunting guide, general in the Nebraska National Guard, member of the Nebraska Legislature, and organizer of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West", a travelling show that included Anney Oakley as the featured sharpshooter.

Much of the myth surrounding Cody grew from the works of Ned Buntline, the writer, who featured Cody in many of the popular dime novels as "Buffalo Bill, King of the Border Men."

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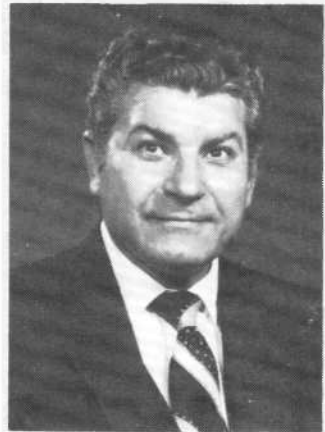
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ASDA National Stamp Show was held at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden on October 20-23, 1988. The booth of our Masonic Stamp Club of New York was successfully attended with numerous members dropping by to pay their dues and offering service, or just to say hello. They also extended their hand of friendship and Brotherly Love, admiring and ordering our Masonic First Day Covers.



I would like to thank my Committee Chairman, Dr. Irwin Yarry, and Dr. Allan Boudreau, Joseph Nathan Kane, and George Wettach for a job well done. This year was extra special, because the Collector's Club booth was next to ours. Consequently, there was plenty of Fellowship.

We were honored by a visit by Brother Christopher Murphy, from British Columbia, to the Robert R Livingston Library. Brother Murphy is the author of *Postage Stamps and Freemasonry*. His knowledge and expertise was a big help to our Stamp Club. He thoroughly enjoyed our research facilities. He is a fine man and Mason. His book was a big hit at the Stamp Show.

Stan Longnecker, President of the George Washington Stamp club invited us to their annual meeting in February. It was attended by Dr. Boudreau and myself. Dr. Boudreau did the driving, and we stayed overnight at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC. The Philatelic Degree and Banquet was very enjoyable. Dr. Boudreau was the principal speaker, speaking on an appropriate topic; Brother George Washington. The members of the George Washington Stamp Club learned facts about the activities of George

Washington which are not in the history books.

Once again we are including the 1989 dues notice in this issue of the award winning Masonic Philatelist. Thanks to our Editor, Dr. Irwin Yarry, and publisher, Dr. Allan Boudreau.

The Postal Service has announced that there will be a 25¢ commemorative stamp issued on April 30, 1989 to honor the 200th Anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington as the First President of the United States and we expect many Masonic Covers will be available.

The new MSCNY Logo press-apply stickers are a big success and I receive mail from all over the world with the MSCNY Logo calling attention to our Club and to the Masonic Fraternity.

I extend to all our Brother philatelists, their families and friends the very best good wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.

The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and all our members join me in sending along our congratulations.

April 30th 1989 will be the 200th Anniversary of the first Presidential inauguration. The Altar Bible from St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City, will be used for the inauguration of George Bush as the 41st President of the United States. The Bible will be on display at the White House before and after the inaugural ceremonies and return to New York City in April 1989 for the celebration at the Federal Hall National Monument at 26 Wall Street.

I am a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1 and I am putting together a collection of all the newspaper stories about the St. John's Lodge Bible and the inauguration of President George Bush. I appeal to all the members of our Club to carefully watch your local newspapers and please send me a clipping, or a copy of the clipping, regarding this important Masonic event. When the collection is completed it will be placed in the Livingston Library in New York City.

THE AUSTRALIAN MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB

The Secretary
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September 20th, 1988

I have just received the June issue (Vol. 44 No. 2), of "The Masonic Philatelist" and noted with interest, your 'Help, help' article on page 12.

The subject of what should or should not be included in Masonic stamps considered as 'pure' or specifically Masonic associated, has always been up to conjecture - namely the 'Peace and Reconstruction' issue of England of 1946, which you state as 'stretching our definition'. As you know, this stamp was never intended as a Masonic issue - the many symbols depicted thereon are pure co-incidence, bearing in mind that it was selected by King George VI, a Past Grand Master of England.



However, reacting to your request for additional issues which may find a place in your list on page 13, I submit the following, the first four having for a long time been accepted as 'pure'.

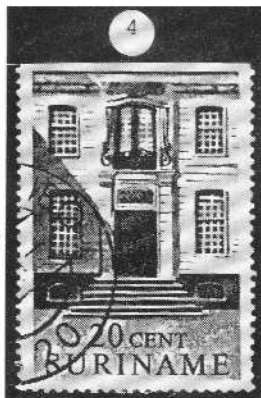
(1) On 31st October, 1956, Australia issued a set of 4 stamps to commemorate the Melbourne Olympic Games. The one shilling value shows a view of Collins St. Melbourne. The building with the red dome, top left, is the Temple of the Grand Lodge of Victoria situated at 25 Collins St. The headquarters of the Grand Lodge has now, of course been moved to East Melbourne. SG No. 292.



(2) In 1969, New Zealand commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the Early European Settlement at Kerikeri. The stamp shows an old stone mission store which was used as a Lodge Room by the Kerikeri Lodge No. 402, until 1979 when they moved to a new building. The buildings are reputed to be the oldest existing examples of European settlement. SG 903.



(3) On 12th October 1970, Bermuda issued the stamp shown to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the Bermuda Parliament. The 4 cent issue depicts the building described as "State House" at St. Georges 1622-1815. In 1815 it was taken over by the Craft and to this day remains a Masonic Temple. The two pillars at the porchway, were added after the Masonic take-over. SG 266.



(4) In 1961, the 20 cent stamp from Suriname was issued and depicts the Masonic Temple of Concordia Lodge No. 9 at the Paramaribo, and works under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. The stamp marked the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Masonry in that country, (formerly Dutch Guiana). The Lodge opened on November 17th 1761 and occupied the building shown until 1960, when it was sold to the Government. The Masons then purchased a large tract of land near the City in order to build a new Hall. SG 433.



(5) The stamp from Nicaragua issued in 1971, SG No. 1769, is not really classified as 'Pure' although it does bear the compasses and the 47th problem of Euclid or the theorem of Pythagoras. The caption states, 'The Ten Mathematical Equations that changed the Face of the Earth'. This stamp is one of them!

Just thought you might be interested in the above for what it's worth. Pity this letter is so late - my copy of the "Masonic Philatelist" comes by surface mail.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Sid Martin
Bulletin Editor

WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE INAUGURATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON?

By Christopher L. Murphy

It is interesting to note that the intriguing stamp "Inauguration of Washington" (Scott No. 854) was petitioned by our own club back in 1938. At that time, Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States, and also a club member.



Back in December of 1987 I set about to find a "key" to this stamp and subsequently wrote to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. I received a reply from Bro. William A. Brown who informed that he went through their files but was not able to find any paintings that matched the stamp. He then went to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing which also failed to come up with written information. The Bureau stated, however, that they believed the picture was taken from a fresco or frieze in the old General Accounting Office building, New York, which has since been destroyed.

With regard to a possible "key", Bro. William Brown was able to give me a list of those who were present at the event. The question now was how can these individuals, beside the most obvious, be identified on the stamp.

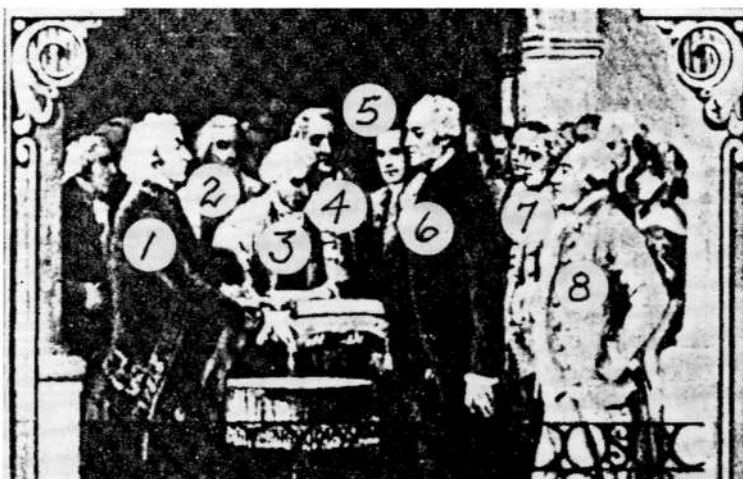
Subsequently, I contacted a friend in Quebec, Steve Forgo, who wrote a book on art and postage stamps entitled "Painting and Graphic Arts on the Stamps of Great Britain and

the Nations of the British Commonwealth". Steve found out that the stamp is from a painting by Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887), entitled "Washington's First Inauguration". Chappel loosely modeled the painting from an engraving by Amos Doolittle, (1754-1832). The original painting, however, does not have the railing shown in the foreground. This was added to the stamp design. It was from a painting entitled "Inauguration of George Washington at Federal Hall, New York City 1789" by Keith Shaw Williams (1906-1951).

The Chappel painting is in the Frances Tavern Museum, New York, N.Y. (Catalogue No. 1954.2.1) An engraving of this painting in a book by John Frederick Schroeder, entitled "Life and Times of Washington" published by Johnson, Fry and Company, New York, (1857/61), showed a key (last names only) to some of the individuals in the painting. This key is shown below together with the information provided by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The individuals that were Masons are indicated with a (M). If membership is "questionable" I have shown (M?).

I think it is important that we know as much as possible about this particular stamp. If any brethren have anything to add I would appreciate hearing from them.





INAUGURATION OF WASHINGTON

PRESENT AND IDENTIFIED ON THE STAMP

1. Robert Livingston (M)

2. Arthur St. Clair (M)

Note: It is reasonable to assume this is Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818), Major General, American Revolution.

3. Samuel Allyne Otis (M)

4. Henry Knox (M)

5. Roger Sherman (M?)

6. George Washington (M)

7. Frederick Von Steuben (M)

8. John Adams

PRESENT BUT NOT IDENTIFIED ON THE STAMP

9. Morgan Lewis (M)

10. Richard Henry Lee (M)

11. John Langdon (M?)

12. Theodoric Bland (M?)

13. Charles Carroll

Note: This would be the Senior Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was not a Mason.

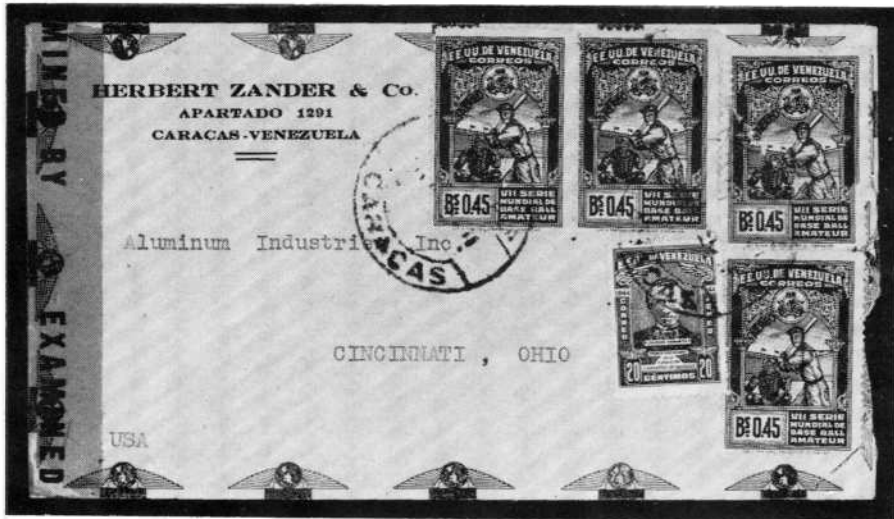
14. William S. Johnson

15. Thomas T. Tucker

16. Robert Benson

17. John Lawrence

18. Elias Boudinot



At the Jacob Javits Convention Stamp Show in New York City on February 27, 1988 Brother Herbert Zander discovered a cover from his export-import company in Caracas, Venezuela. The cover was mailed in 1942 from Caracas to the Aluminum Industries of Cincinnati, Ohio, a manufacturer of aluminum pistons.

Brother Zander was initiated on January 18, 1940; passed on May 31, 1940; and raised a Master Mason on October 22, 1945. He received the 33^o A.A.S.R. on June 1, 1974 in Caracas, Venezuela and has received many honors and awards including the Order of Labor First Class and the Francisco De Miranda Award from the Government of Venezuela.

13 October, 1988

Allan Boudreau
1 Washington Sq. Village
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Dear Brother Boudreau,

Received your nice letter today and was happy to hear from you. It's always a great pleasure to hear from a Brother who shares a common interest. I did not notify the M.S.C. of the Brazilian issue as I figured someone else had already beaten me to the punch.

Anyway, I do have issues of the new Brazilian stamp and will gladly give one to anyone who wishes a copy. This is what I do for the Brethren in England and Australia and elsewhere in the world. Am enclosing a stamp, F.D.C. and info sheet on this issue for yourself with fraternal regards.

I am a collector of anything Masonic and am trying to start a museum/library for the Brethren here to do research in. As such, I hunt for Masonic memorabilia from over the world and will gladly trade for material. Also, I am in the process of getting together 50 copies of each Masonic stamp which has been identified. These I will use for Brethren who wish to start collecting Masonic stamps.

Thanks again for your letter and I hope you find all the necessary info in this package.

Faternally,



Donald R. McKinney
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The Mystery of Antarctica Lodge No. 777

By Christopher L. Murphy

The question of Admiral Byrd and the "mystery" Lodge, First Antarctica No. 777, has echoed through Masonic circles for many, many years. The whole thing started during the Byrd expedition of 1933 to the Antarctica. It is learned that on this expedition, 60 of the 82 members were Freemasons. This group of brethren is said to have established First Antarctica Lodge No. 777 of New Zealand Constitution while they were stationed at Little America. The lodge was formed aboard their ship the "Jacob Rupert". A Tyler's register was kept of all in attendance at the meeting, each brother signed his name and showed the name of his regular lodge.

In August, 1935 a publication, the "Pacific Lodge Broadcast" bore on the front page a copy of the Tyler's Register which, of course, was headed "First Antarctica Lodge No. 777". The story apparently worked its way into other publications throughout the world, not to mention the "Masonic Philatelist".

The question was subsequently raised as to the legality of the lodge. This issue was first brought to my attention by Bro. Trevor Fray, England. Bro. Fray, upon reviewing the article on Admiral Byrd for my book "Postage Stamps and Freemasonry", commented that the story required more research. He directed me to Wor. Bro. A. B. Weir of New Zealand, who had told him that First Antarctica Lodge was a myth.

Some time later, I wrote to Bro. Weir and asked if he could clear the air for me on the issue. Bro. Weir kindly sent me some very convincing literature supporting his advice that the lodge never existed. A summary of the information provided is as follows.

To begin, it is most definite that First Antarctica Lodge No. 777 is not recorded on the registry of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. In fact, the highest lodge number recorded in New Zealand is No. 447, the number



for Homewood Lodge which was assigned in 1983. Next, one of the brethren who was at the original lodge meeting, Wor. Bro. J. Sissions, acting in the capacity of Senior Warden, has gone on record stating that it was strictly an informal meeting, with no charter from any Grand Lodge. He further states, that the acting Master at the Antarctica meeting, Bro. G. M. Mitchell, was not even an installed Master!

How did the number 777 get to be chosen? It is Bro. Weir's opinion that the three sevens symbolize the three who rule a Lodge, with seven (7) being selected as the most venerable and perfect number. I offer that the number was "just too good to be true" and may have been selected for that reason.

The evidence is therefore very convincing that what took place was a simple informal Masonic "get together". With so many Freemasons present, it is easy to see how such would come about. In fact, Bro. Weir points out to me that while he was in the Merchant Navy during the 1950's, he attended similar functions. From my knowledge of Admiral Byrd, I am quite certain he would be amazed at the subsequent proportions of the simple meeting. His advice, I am sure, would be to "explore a little more".



October, 1988

Harry Hayes

Philatelic Consultant & Publisher of Philatelic Handbooks

Dear Editor,

MASONIC PHILATELY, by Trevor J. Fray

We are proud to announce the completion of this authoritative work on the very popular topic of Freemasonry on Stamps. The fifth volume has just been published!

This final part contains important chapters on Masonic Royalty, Ladies of Masonry, and Picture Postcards with Masonic subjects. Extensive lists are given of Associated stamps - which have a direct connection with the subject - and Dubious Cases, where it is thought, but not confirmed, that the featured person was a Freemason.

There are 75 further biographies, which, with 47 "Royals," bring the total in the five volumes to an impressive 970.

Volume 5 contains 66 pages; the whole series totalling 308, and is published in matching binding, sewn for long and frequent use.

Remarkably, in these days, the price has been kept the same as the first volume of 1984, at £5 postpaid. Airmailed copies cost an additional £1.50. Generous discounts are offered to dealers and philatelic societies.

I trust that you will consider this book worthy of a review; would you please send me a clipping?

Yours sincerely,

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A Salute to Hap Arnold, *'Father of the Modern Air Force'*

Great American Is Final Issue For 1988



The Postal Service provided details on its new 65-cent stamp honoring General Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold. During World War II, Arnold was responsible for the training organization and general direction of the United States Army Air Corps. He is credited with transforming the nation's unprepared and ill-equipped air forces into the largest and most powerful in the world.

Brother Arnold was raised in Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, Kansas on November 3, 1927. He received the 32° A.A.S.R. on April 11, 1929 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and the 33° on October 19, 1945.

Designed by Christopher Calle, a frequent contributor of U.S. stamp art, the blue head-and-shoulders portrait shows Arnold with a characteristic easygoing smile. Visible on the tabs of his shirt collar are the five stars signifying his rank of five-star general. "H. H. 'Hap Arnold'" is printed vertically along the left edge of the stamp? "USA" and "65" are printed horizontally along the bottom.

The 65-cent denomination represents the rate for a three-ounce First-Class Mail piece (25 cents for the first ounce, 20 cents for each additional ounce).

Justifiably called the father of the modern U.S. Air Force, "Hap" Arnold enjoyed a remarkable career spanning aviation's developmental years, from the first flight at Kitty Hawk to the jet age. Taught to fly by the Wright brothers in 1911, Arnold set an altitude record of 6,540 feet in a fragile biplane just one year later. Detailed to the Signal Corps the same year, he was enlisted as one of the first pilots to carry mail, the first to use a wireless radio in flight, and the first to demonstrate the effectiveness of monitoring troop movements from the air. Arnold acquired the nickname "Hap," a reference to his disposition, as a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

Throughout the '20s and '30s, Arnold continued to make aviation history, stretching the limits of technology and pilot endurance. Along with other young Signal Corps officers like William "Billy" Mitchell, Arnold became a tireless advocate of a military role for aircraft beyond the traditional one of supporting ground forces. But Arnold was no mere theoretician. Known for his "hands-on" approach, he was personally involved in virtually every military aviation development in the critical years leading to World War II.

When General Arnold assumed command of the fledgling Army Air Corps at the start of World War II, he led just 20,000 soldiers and a few hundred, badly outdated planes. By 1944, he had accomplished his dream. Under his guidance, the Army Air Corps had grown into an incomparable air power of 2.4 million men and women and 80,000 state-of-the-art aircraft, giving the Allies an unbeatable hand in the skies.

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An offer for two free tickets to WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 is included in the 15th Edition of the *Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps*. As a bonus, the full-color, 328 page "encyclopedia" of U.S. postage contains a business reply card redeemable for a pair of daily admission tickets to the WORLD STAMP EXPO '89, the international philatelic exhibition to be held next fall in Washington, D.C. Valued at \$2.50 each, the tickets cover the \$5.00 cost of the *Guide*.

In addition to details on all 1988 stamp issues, the 15th Edition contains a more comprehensive stamp subject index and a revised and expanded Information for Collectors section. As with past editions, all commemorative definitive and airmail stamps are illustrated in color. Updated values and guidelines to retail pricing also are provided for more than 2,400 stamps and such popular collectibles as American Commemorative Panels, Souvenir Pages and Souvenir Cards.

The new *Guide* contains fascinating background on WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 and the Universal Postal Union, the 1908-1921 Washington-Franklin Series, and a wide variety of other subjects, including the five Classic Cars stamp issued August 25 (a 1935 Duesenberg is shown on the cover of the 15th Edition).

The Postal Service said that the 15th Edition will be available at nearly 15,000 post offices, 421 Philatelic Centers and by mail order from the Philatelic Sales Division.

THE MASONIC SPECIALIST
POSTAGE STAMPS AND FREEMASONRY

BY CHRISTOPHER L. MURPHY

Now that my compendium, "Postage Stamps and Freemasonry", is finally available, it is certainly a good time to run a series in the "Masonic Philatelist" on both the entries in the book, and subsequent additions. I suggest, brethren, that you clip this series and place it in a separate binder. I promise that over a period of time you will accumulate an excellent reference book on Masonic related postage stamps. Another idea is to photocopy the pages, this leaves your "Masonic Philatelist" intact.

For brethren interested in obtaining the compendium, it is available from Pyramid Publications (See the ordering information at the end of this section). All books ordered from Pyramid are personally autographed and a three dollar donation is made to our club for each book sold to a club member.

Before starting this series, your attention is drawn to the following notations:

1. The range of relationships to Freemasonry for the stamps in this series is very broad. This gives you the choice of whether or not you want to include the stamp in your collection.
2. The series includes subjects with "questionable" membership in our Fraternity. The fact that they are questionable is shown in the sketch along with any supporting information. This again allows you the choice of including the stamps in your collection.
3. Prince Hall Masons are included in this series, just as they are included in the compendium, Postage Stamps and Freemasonry. The writer acknowledges the significant contributions and sacrifices of these Masons and their associated postage stamps certainly have a place in any Masonic collection.

SERIES ONE

NOTE: Subjects are in alphabetical order according to their last name. The Scott Catalogue numbers for all applicable stamps is shown after the name and birth/death date of the subject. Where more than one stamp number is listed, an asterisk (*) is shown against the number that applies to the illustrated stamp.

POSTAGE STAMPS & FREEMASONRY
UNITED STATES AND CANADA
by CHRISTOPHER LEO MURPHY

ABBOTT SIR JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL (1821-1893); CAN. #318; Canadian Prime Minister (1891-1892); member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 374 (English Register), Montreal, Quebec.



ADAMS ANDREW (1736-1797); USA #1726; Lawyer; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut; signer of Articles of Confederation; an Andrew Adams is shown as a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, Connecticut. It is probably not the same person but it could be.



ADAMS CHARLES F. (1876-1946); USA #1798, 2070*; business executive; pioneered and developed national league hockey in the U.S; Mason, but no details; Knight Templar and Shriner.



ADAMS JOHN QUINCY (1767-1848); USA #811; sixth president of the United States of America; probably the most noted anti-Mason in American history; elected to the National House of Representatives largely by anti-Masonic votes.



ADAMS SAMUEL (1722-1803); USA #120, 1691*; political leader; signer of the Declaration of Independence; purported to have been made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts.



ALBRIGHT HORACE M. (1890 - ?); USA #1122, 1314*; conservationist; director of the National Parks Service (1917-1918); member of Livingstone Lodge No. 32, Livingstone, Montana.



ALDRIN EDWIN EUGENE (1930 -); USA #C76; Astronaut; second man to walk on the moon; member of Montclair Lodge No 144, New Jersey.



ALEXANDER GROVER C. (1887-1950); USA #1381; National League baseball pitcher; Elected to Baseball Hall of Fame in 1938; member of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska.



ALLEN ETHAN (1738-1789); USA #1071; Major General in the American Revolution; gained fame as a colonel commanding the "Green Mountain Boys"; seized Fort Ticonderoga with Benedict Arnold; no evidence that he was a Mason; described as one "who seems to have been a Mason"; Some evidence supporting his membership is in questionable as on the date given for receiving his degrees, he was a prisoner in England.



ALLEN IRA (1751-1814); USA #903; Led the fight with others for the statehood of Vermont; member of Vermont Lodge No. 1 (now No. 18) of Charleston, New Hampshire.



ALTHOUSE PAUL S. (1889-1954); USA #2054; opera tenor; made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York; member of St. John's Lodge No. 435, Reading, Pennsylvania; 32nd Degree A.A.S.R. Mason and Shriner.



AMUNDSEN ROALD (1872-1928); USA #1431; Polar explorer; discoverer of the South Pole; navigated the Northwest passage and fixed the position of the North magnetic pole; said to be a Mason, but no documented proof.



ANDERSON RICHARD C. (1750-1826); USA #1565; officer of the American Revolution; led the advance of the Americans at the Battle of Trenton; crossed the Delaware in the first boat; fought at Brandywine, Germantown and Savannah; first Master of Lexington Lodge No. 25; also thought to be a member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia.



ANDERSON ROBERT (1845-1871); USA #1178; Major General in the U.S. Army; was in command of Fort Sumter when Confederate guns fired on the outpost and started the Civil War; member of Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, New Jersey; honorary member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City, New York; Knight Templar.



ARMISTEAD LEWIS A. (1817-1863); USA #1130; Brigadier General in the Confederate Army; killed in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg; member of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia; charter member of Union Lodge No. 7, Fort Riley, Kansas.



ARNOLD BENEDICT (1741-1801); USA #644; Brigadier General in the American Revolution; became America's most notorious traitor as he defected to the British; apparently received his Degrees in a West Indies Lodge and later affiliated with Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut.



ARNOLD HENRY HARLEY (1886-1950); USA #C6*, C49; U.S. Air Force pioneer; Commanding General of the U.S. Air Force; member of Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, Kansas; 33rd Degree A.A.S.R. Mason.



ASTOR JOHN JACOB (1763-1848); USA #783*, 964, 1124; founder of Oregon Territory; City of Astoria is named after him (shown on stamp #783); was one of the founders and a Master of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, New York; Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York (1798-1801); Knight Templar.





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