



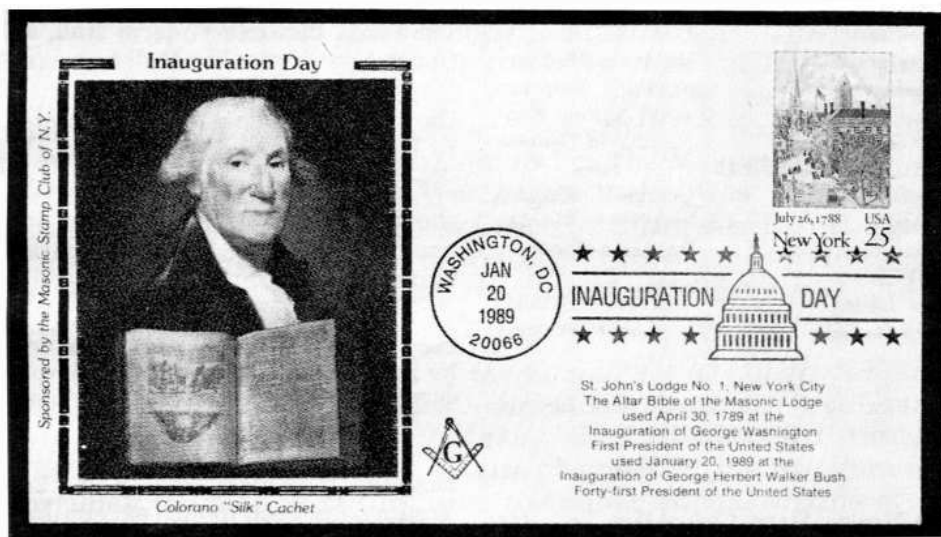
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved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

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

Our MSCNY cachet for the Inauguration of President George Bush as the 41st President of the United States features the famous St. John's Lodge Bible. The very same bible that was borrowed from the Lodge on April 30th, 1789 and used as the focal point of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States.

The stamp used is the New York State Bicentennial issue of July 26, 1988 that pictures Federal Hall, actually New York City Hall borrowed for the occasion, the building where the oath of office was administered to Brother George Washington.

Fanciful tales abound as to why the St. John's Masonic Bible was used in 1789. The best explanation is included in the following pages.

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# **April 30, 1789, Why the St. John's Lodge Bible?**

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On April 30, 1789, George Washington took his oath of office as the first President of the United States on the altar Bible of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1, New York City.

For the past 200 years scholars and historians have pondered the question, why the St. John's Lodge Bible? Fanciful tales have arisen as to the reason this Masonic Bible was selected for the momentous occasion. One story suggests that the need for a Bible was overlooked until the last minute when the Master of St. John's Lodge, Major Jacob Morton, Washington's aide, was called upon to produce the Lodge Bible for the occasion by Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, then Grand Master of Masons in New York State as well as the Chancellor of the State, who would administer the oath to George Washington.

A review of the *Report of the Committee of Congress Fixing the Official Order of Ceremony for the Inauguration of George Washington as First President of the United States*, dated April 29, 1789, indicates that there was precise planning for the Inauguration, including the placing of furniture, the public administration of the oath of office, the Service at St. Paul's Chapel, etc. How unlikely it is that the planners would proceed so carefully and efficiently yet fail to provide the essential ingredient, the Inaugural Bible.

George Washington did not have a personal Bible. No church Bible was acceptable to all the various denominations represented in the first Congress.

The Masonic altar Bible of St. John's Masonic Lodge in New York City was the only Bible untainted by denominational strife and differences. The members of Congress were well acquainted with the nonsectarian Masonic principles of brotherhood, understanding, and fair play. The Masonic Bible was the obvious choice for the Inaugura-

tion of the President.

There were twenty-two different churches in New York City in April 1789 representing denominations, viz: Reformed Dutch, Protestant Episcopal, French Huguenot, Quaker, Lutheran, Jewish, Presbyterian, Baptist, Moravian, German Reformed, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Independent Congregational.

A careful study of the situation in New York City in 1789 will disclose that the organized religions have suffered greatly during the Revolution. The Episcopal Church was badly tainted by the close affiliation of many of its Clergy with the British Crown. One of the first acts of the New York State Legislature was the repeal of a tax on the general public for the support of the Episcopal clergy. By the New York State Constitution of 1777, clergymen were declared to be ineligible to hold any civil or military office or place in the State, as they were, "by their profession dedicated to the service of God and cure of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their function."

The American Protestant Episcopal Church and not actually adopted its prayers and order of service in April 1789 and Bishop Provoost, who preached the service at St. Paul's Chapel on April 30, 1789, had just been elected Chaplain of the Senate on April 25.

The House did not select its Chaplain until May 1, 1789, when Dr. William Linn of the Collegiate Dutch Reform Church was chosen at an annual salary of \$500. In a very close contest, Linn received 27 votes and Dr. John Rogers, a Presbyterian, 19. Linn was an ardent patriot and had been Chaplain of the 5th and 6th battalions of Pennsylvania troops.

Rogers was an ardent patriot also, serving as a brigade Chaplain in 1776 and a Chaplain of the New York State Convention in Esopus, the Council of Safety, and of the first Legislature under the New York State Constitution of 1777. His first sermon upon returning to New York City in 1783 was entitled, "The Divine Goodness displayed in the American Revolution."

Samuel Provoost was an assistant minister at Trinity Parish in 1766 but resigned his position that year and lived on a farm in Dutchess County until 1784. His sympathies were entirely American. In 1785 he was chosen Chaplain of the Continental Congress and on the 13th of June 1786 he was elected Episcopal Bishop of New York by the Whig members of Trinity Parish who succeeded in ousting the previous rector elected by the Tories.



**200th Anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington**

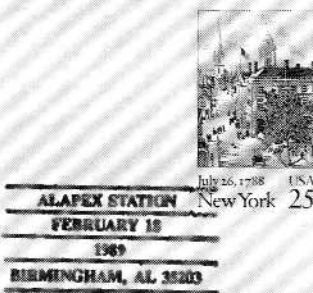
George Washington, born February 11, 1731\* at Bridge's Creek, Westmoreland County, Virginia, played a vital role in both the Revolutionary War and the formation of the new government. He was unanimously elected President by the first Electoral College on February 4, 1789 and inaugurated at Federal Hall, New York City on April 30, 1789 taking his oath on a bible printed in England by the king's printer and containing an engraved portrait of King George II (the bible is preserved in Masonic Hall, NYC). George Bush used the same bible in his inauguration symbolically showing the continuity in the office and the government in this bicentennial year of Washington's first inauguration.

The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. (from 1st Inaugural Address)

He was elected to a second term, again unanimously, but refused a third term in his farewell address (September 19, 1796). The second inauguration took place at Congress Hall, Philadelphia, March 4, 1793. He died at Mount Vernon, December 14, 1799.

\*February 22, 1732 by Gregorian calendar adopted 1752 in England and the colonies.

**ALAPEX '89**  
COMMEMORATES



*200th Anniversary of the Inauguration of  
George Washington*

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May 8, 1989

Dr. Alan Boudreau  
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Dear Allan,

Thank you for all your assistance in producing our First Day Covers for the Washington Re-enactment at the DeWint House Shrine here in Tappan on April 29th 1989.

Enclosed I am returning the two first day covers you sent me as examples and two complimentary first day covers of our 200th anniversary of Washington's inauguration, with inserts.

Tell me what else you need for inclusion in the article you will submit to the Masonic Stamp Journal relative to our first day covers.

Gratefully yours,

*Paul*

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### THE MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB (ENGLAND)

The history of Freemasonry goes back hundreds of years. The Masonic Legends go back to the building of the first Temple in Jerusalem by King Solomon.

In the middle ages when Guilds of Operative Stone Masons travelled through Europe building the great Cathedrals etc., they formed Lodges, and after the work of the day was over, rested and ate in these lodges.

As with most trades in those days, the secrets of their work were closely guarded from those of other guilds of workmen. They trained their apprentices, who when proficient became Craftsmen, and later Masters of their trade. The Stonemasons participated in the annual mystery plays which various Guilds of workmen performed during this period.

The term "Freemason" had its beginning in the 11th century when members of the Nobility and Churchmen began to join the Lodges and gradually there were more speculative than operative masons belonging to Lodges. The oldest Minutes of an existing Freemasons Lodge go back to 1599, those of Edinburgh Lodge No. 1.

Lodges used to meet in Taverns or any convenient room. It is said that one Joseph Montford, first had the idea of having special Masonic Temples built.

In 1717 four London Lodges got together and formed a Grand Lodge to try to get some organization for Lodges in their area.

In 1751 another Grand Lodge was formed, from Lodges which thought that ancient Freemasonry was not being properly practiced by the existing Grand Lodge. This new Grand Lodge was termed "The Ancients" or Atholl Lodges after the Duke of Atholl. Two other Grand Lodges were formed, one at York and one near the River Trent, but both of these only lasted a few years before rejoining the main Masonic body.

In 1813 the two Grand Lodges united, under a modified policy which had been worked out satisfactorily to suit both, and thus the present United Grand Lodge of England came into being. The Grand Lodge is the Sovereign body, and grants Charters for the formation of all new Lodges under its jurisdiction, in London, the Provinces, or abroad, and to Service Lodges, which are mobile.

Lodges in the Provinces come under their Provincial Grand Lodge, while Lodges overseas come under their district Grand Lodge.

This system is somewhat similar to organized Philately when you think of it. Most local Philatelic Societies are affiliated to their area Federation, and in turn the Federations are affiliated to the National Body, in this coun-

try, the B.P.F. Hence rules are adhered to with regard to Competitions etc., and individual interests, should they be in dispute with members of the trade etc., can in many cases be resolved through the Federation taking up the matter on their behalf. Freemasonry rapidly spread throughout the world, and now there are Grand Lodges in almost every democratic country. The majority of these Grand Lodges all adhere to the same principles and while their working may vary from Lodge to Lodge and Country to Country, the basic tenets of the system remain the same and by keeping so rigidly to tradition is why the order has survived over the years in the opinion of the United Grand Lodge of England. Any Lodge or Lodges working under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge that does not operate in the accepted Masonic tradition, is not considered regular, and all other Regular Lodges will not associate themselves with them, or any individual member of them.

Stamps of course, can be used to illustrate many of these aspects. King Solomon, Cedars of Lebanon, Molten Gold, and other materials used in the building of the original Temple, the Moslem Mosque El Aqsa which stands near the site of the original Temple, Tyre Waterfront where much of the material used in the construction of the original Temple was shipped from, are depicted on stamps.

From the Postal History point of view, early communications between Lodges could be classed as the start of Masonic Philately, and provide Postal History and Masonic History. From the U.S.A. we have the early Masonic Killer Cancellations, in the shape of Masonic Symbols.

Freemasonry has been associated with Philately since the present system of the Posts was formed. Jacob Perkins, whose firm was given the contract to print the world's first Postage Stamps was a Freemason. Anthony Trollop who introduced the Pillar Box into the British Isles was a Freemason. Some other well known figures in Philately who were Freemasons include William Perot, famous for his own Bermuda stamps, Heinrich Von Stephan, founder of the U.P.U., Jean Baptiste Moens, one of the world's first stamp dealers and George Pitt Morrison, designer of the famous Australian "Black Swan" stamp.

Nearly 1,000 famous Freemasons from all walks of life, including members of Royal Families have been portrayed on postage stamps and many hundreds of stamps commemorate events associated with Freemasons.

Stamps depicting Masonic Temples, and Masonic Symbols have been issued, and a number of countries have issued stamps for Masonic Anniversaries connected with them, for example, the founding of their first Masonic Lodge.

For Collectors of other items beside stamps, there are many Postcards which portray Famous Freemasons, Masonic Temples, Masonic Artifacts & Humour, which include 5 in the "Granpop" series by Lawson Wood. Then there are numerous Masonic Charity Jewels, Medallions, Coins, Jewels and Medals.

For collectors of Glass Craft, many fine items of Glass Work have Masonic Emblems engraved in their design, as does Pottery etc.

To conclude, the Masonic Theme has a wide and fascinating choice of items for collecting.

*J. Prouteau*

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Feb. 2nd. 1989

Dr Allen Boudreau  
1 Washington Sq. Village  
New York.

Dear Brother Boudreau,

This is to inform you that our club has recently issued two covers.

- Ecole Estienne: French national school for printing. The founder of this school Abel Hovelacque (1843-1896) was a mason belonging to the Lodge "Les Amis de la Tolérance". He was initiated in 1878. This school was inaugurated on the first of July 1896 by the Président of the french Republic Felix Faure who was a Mason member of the Lodge "L'Amenité" in Le Havre.

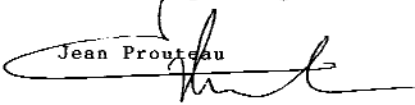
- Pour le bien des aveugles: To help blind people. Valentin Haüy whose the name appears "in relief" on the stamp was a member of the Lodge "Les Amis de la Sagesse" in Paris. He was initiated in 1804.

The readers of "The Masonic Philatelist" can obtain these covers at \$ 3.00 each, airmail postage included.

Looking forward to hear from you, and thanking you in advance for the announcement of these masonic covers in your magazine.

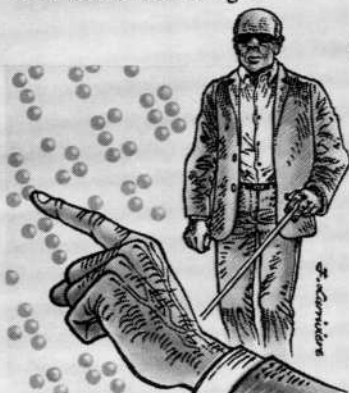
With my kind regards  
Fraternal greetings.

Jean Prouteau



*P.S. Please accept these two covers as gifts.*

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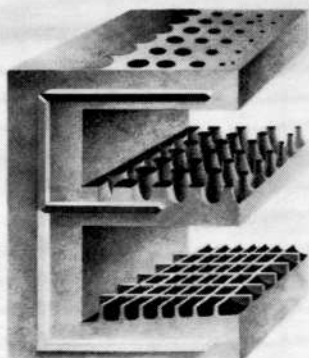


Pour le bien des aveugles



Valentin Haüy dont le nom figure en relief sur le timbre appartenait à la Loge "Les Amis de la Sagesse".

La lecture en relief inventée par Louis BRAILLE



J.P. Veret - Le Maitre

PREMIER JOUR  
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Abel Hovelacque fondateur de l'Ecole appartenait à la Loge "Les Amis de la Tolérance". Le Président Félix Faure qui l'inaugura le 1-07-1896 était lui aussi F. M.



L'OFFSET (et la lithographie) - LA TYPOGRAPHIE - L'HÉLIOGRAVURE  
Toutes ces techniques, entre autre, sont enseignées  
à L'ÉCOLE ESTIENNE



# MOUNT VERNON STAMP

Mount Vernon was the home of George Washington, first President of the United States and outstanding Masonic leader. He received his degrees in 1753 in what is now Fredericksburg (Va.) Lodge No. 4. He became an honorary member of Alexandria (Va.) Lodge No. 39 (Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania) in 1784, and when that Lodge obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as No. 22 in 1783, he became its first Master. He was elected an honorary member of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York, in 1790. His oath as first President of the United States in 1789 was administered on a Bible borrowed from St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York. He was buried with Masonic rites at Mount Vernon, December 8, 1799.

—John A. Mirt, Chicago

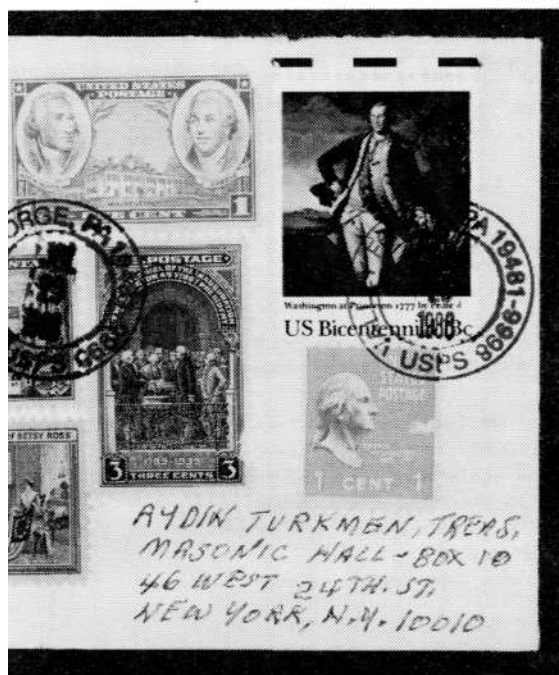


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Dear Bro. Batalias:

We have a new chapter of the Eastern Star started in Port St. Lucie. I thought that as there are so many O.E.S. chapters giving up their charters it would be of interest to many of the Masonic order.

My wife is an appointed officer, Ruth, one of the Star Points. We made some special covers honoring the Constitution of the Chapter. The name of our O.E.S. Chapter is - St. Lucie Chapter No. 322, Order of the Eastern Star. I have inclosed a copy of the cover and a copy of the insert telling about how the chapter got started. Most of their furniture and paraphernalia were donated to them by another Florida O.E.S. Chapter which had just given up their charter.

We are selling the covers for \$2.00. Would you be interested in putting a write-up about this cover in the Masonic Philatelist?

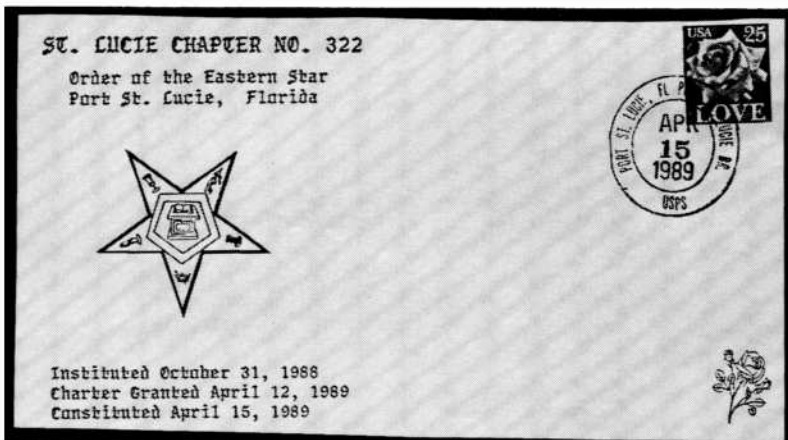
Fraternally yours,

*Clarence E. Vogel*

Clarence E. Vogel

(member of the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. )

P.S. \_ All of the money from the sales of these covers will go to the new O.E.S. Chapter.



# ST. LUCIE CHAPTER NO. 322

Order of the Eastern Star  
Port St. Lucie, Florida

This commemorative envelope is available as a souvenir of the beginning of a new Chapter in the Order of the Eastern Star. It has been postmarked April 15, 1989; the date of the Constituting Ceremony. The design was created by Sister Gladys Vogel.

In the spring of 1988 several members of the Wimodaussis Club discussed the formation of an Eastern Star Chapter in Port St. Lucie. Contact was made with the Grand Chapter for procedural instructions.

On August 27, 1988 twenty three people met to discuss obtaining a dispensation to organize. This was followed by three meetings under the guidance of Bro. Roy Barnett, Worthy Grand Patron. Assistance from Sister Joyce Allen, Grand Instructor, and encouragement from Sister Winnie Barnett, Grand Electa, was provided.

The Instituting Ceremony was conducted by Bro. Roy Barnett, Worthy Grand Patron, on October 31, 1988 at the Masonic Temple in Fort Pierce. Thirty six petitioners were present. Sincere thanks go to Ruth Chapter No. 7, for use of their furniture and paraphernalia.

The Charter was granted on April 12, 1989 at the Grand Chapter session in Tampa by Bro. Roy Barnett, Worthy Grand Patron.

The Constituting Ceremony was conducted by Bro. William Cook, Worthy Grand Patron, on April 15, 1989 at the Masonic Temple in Fort Pierce. The Charter was delivered, an election conducted, and the first Board of Officers installed.

We are especially honored to have among our sixty five charter members, Bro. Carl Olliver, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Delaware and his wife, Sister Theresa.

Allena Hughes - Worthy Matron  
Paul Hughes - Worthy Patron

1914 — 1989

**SEBRING LODGE #626 F. & A. M. CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Alliance Review reported the first meeting of Masons in the Village was held at the home of Harry Weaver on Tuesday, April 15, 1913. The later meetings were held in the second floor of the new Citizens Bank Building at the corner of Ohio Avenue and 15th Street.

Then on February 8, 1914 a dispensation was granted to 34 brethren to form a new Masonic Lodge in Sebring. Officers were, W. Bro. F. O. Brooks, W.M.; A. J. Eden, S.W. and Paul V. Kildow, J.W. They first met in the room of Conrad Lodge in Alliance until April 2nd when a dispensation was issued permitting them to move to our present Temple. Our Charter is dated October 22, 1914 and contains the names of 54 brethren, many of whom were business men or part of management in the local industries.

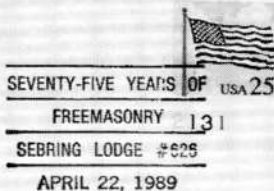
During the 75 years the Lodge has had the services of 66 Masters. Three of them have become KYCH members; three have received the 33rd degree of the AASR and one, M.W. Bro. Royal C. Scofield served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, after having served as DEO and DDGM.

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THE MASONIC SPECIALIST  
POSTAGE STAMPS AND FREEMASONRY  
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As I continue to pursue our hobby, I become more convinced that no other postage stamp specialty is as far-reaching and interesting as the Masonic theme. There have been so many outstanding Freemasons in North American history, that known "subject associations" is well over five hundred individuals. In time, I am certain this number will double and double again, there's really no end. And that is what makes the hobby so exciting - there is always a new frontier.

As we continue to discover famous men who were Masons, we have a wealth of stamps to draw upon. The U.S. Postal Service, and more recently Canada Post, give extensive coverage on postage stamps in all areas of human achievement, and we are fortunate in that regard. As new stamps are issued, more avenues open up for "Masonic connections". We work both ways, and in the process our little "discoveries" add more to human knowledge and the understanding of ourselves.

In my compendium *POSTAGE STAMPS AND FREEMASONRY* I explore the methodology involved in the research process, and provide stamp guides to make the task easier. With a little effort and patience, results are certain. Whatever process is used, however, the important thing is to share the results. Those little corner stones of knowledge you uncover can be built upon by others to effect a towering edifice.

Our Club magazine, *THE MASONIC PHILATELIST*, is the finest publication I have seen for sharing information. As I now have the honor of being your Canadian correspondent, I look forward to my search for light in the North.

SERIES TWO

(NOTE: This series just runs consecutively with the first series. We are unable to "break off" in alphabetical segments [all A's, B's etc.], because of space requirements.)

BACON FRANCIS (1561-1626); CAN-NFD #92; English philosopher and author; his work "New Atlantis" was an early influence on the development of the Craft; there is no documented evidence that shows he was a Freemason.



BAILEY LIBERTY HYDE (1858-1954); USA #1100; farmer, teacher, writer, botanist, and horticulturist; was honored by universities, learned societies, and many other organizations for his contributions to the science of horticulture; member of Hobasco Lodge No. 716, Ithaca, New York.



BAKER J. F. (1886 - ?); USA #1381; baseball player; member of National Baseball Hall of Fame and the Cooperstown Hall of Fame, New York; member of Coats Lodge No. 102, Easton, Maryland.



BALBO ITALO (1896-1940); CAN-NFD #C18; Italian Minister of Aeronautics; organized and led an armada of 24 aircraft in a celebration flight from Orbetello, Rome to Chicago, Illinois (1933); member of the Savonarola Lodge, Florence, Italy.



BALCHAN BERNT (1899 - ?); USA #733; explorer, aviation pioneer and army officer; piloted first flight over the South Pole (1929); member of Norseman Lodge No. 878, Brooklyn, New York; A.A.S.R. Mason and Shriner.



BALDWIN ABRAHAM (1754-1807); USA #798; Chaplain in the American Revolution; signer of the Constitution; member of Congress; one of the founders of the University of Georgia; originally thought to have been a member of American Union Lodge, but this has been proven incorrect; no present information that indicates he was a Mason.



**BANKS FRANK A.** (1883-1957?); USA #1009; supervising Engineer of Grand Coulee Dam; member of American Falls Lodge No. 58, American Falls, Idaho.



**BARRY JOHN** (1745-1803); USA #790; Commodore in the U.S. Navy; won important naval engagements in the American Revolution; member of Pennsylvania Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



**BARTHOLDI FREDERIC AUGUSTE** (1834-1904) USA #566, 899, 946, 995, 1035, 1041, 1042, 1044A, 1075, 1320, 1599, 2147\*, C35, C58, C63, C80, C87; French sculptor; creator of the Statue of Liberty; member of Lodge Alsace-Lorraine, Paris, France.



**BARTLETT JOSIAH** (1729-1795); USA #120, 1691\*; physician; signer of the Declaration of Independence; President of New Hampshire and became that state's first governor; his lodge is not known but some convincing evidence that he was a Mason.



**BEADLE WILLIAM H.H.** (1838-1915); USA #858; lawyer, government officer; founder of the public school system of South Dakota; leader in the statehood movement for that state; his statue represents South Dakota in the National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, District of Columbia; initiated in Montezuma Lodge No. 89, Montezuma, Indiana; affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 1, Yankton, South Dakota; Royal Arch Mason; Knight Templar, 33rd Degree A.A.S.R. Mason



**BEARD DANIEL CARTER** (1850-1941); USA #995\*, 1145; painter, illustrator; organizer of the Boy Scout movement in the United States; member of Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York City, New York; later a member of Cornucopia Lodge No. 563, Flushing, New York.



BEAUREGARD PIERRE G.T. (1818-1893); USA #1178\*,1179; Confederate General in the American Civil War; was in charge of Confederate artillery batteries which fired on Fort Sumter and started the Civil War; Mason (no details) and Knight Templar.



BEDFORD GUNNING (1742-1812); USA #798; lawyer; Constitution signer; first judge of the district Court of Delaware; member of Washington Lodge No. 14, under Pennsylvania (now No. 1 of Delaware); first Grand Master of Delaware.



BELCHER JONATHAN (1681-1757); USA #1083; Colonial governor of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Jersey (concurrently); sparked the financing and construction of Nassau Hall; building was to be named after him but he wished it to be called by its present name; received his Masonic Degrees in a Guild Lodge in England; affiliated with St. John's Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts.



BELLAMY FRANCIS J. (1855-1931); USA #1153,1596\*; Baptist Church Minister and writer; author of the American Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; member of Little Falls Lodge, No. 181, Little Falls, New York.



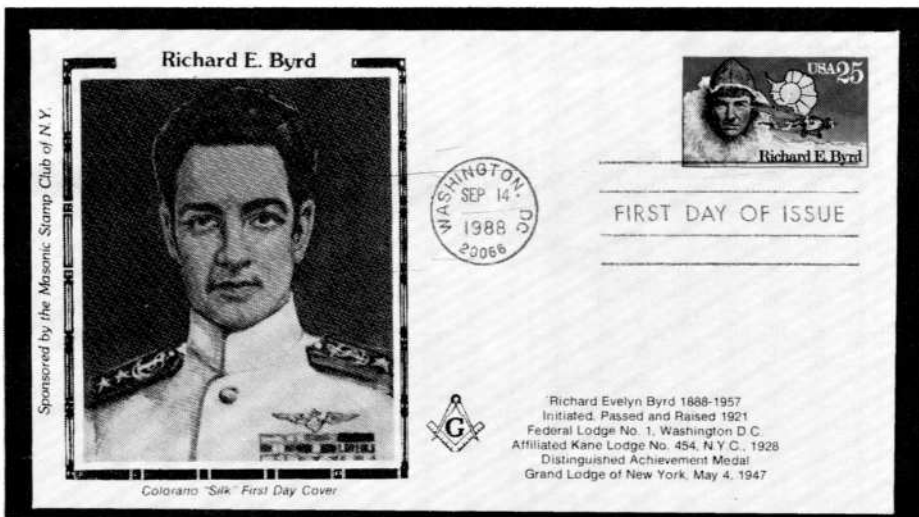
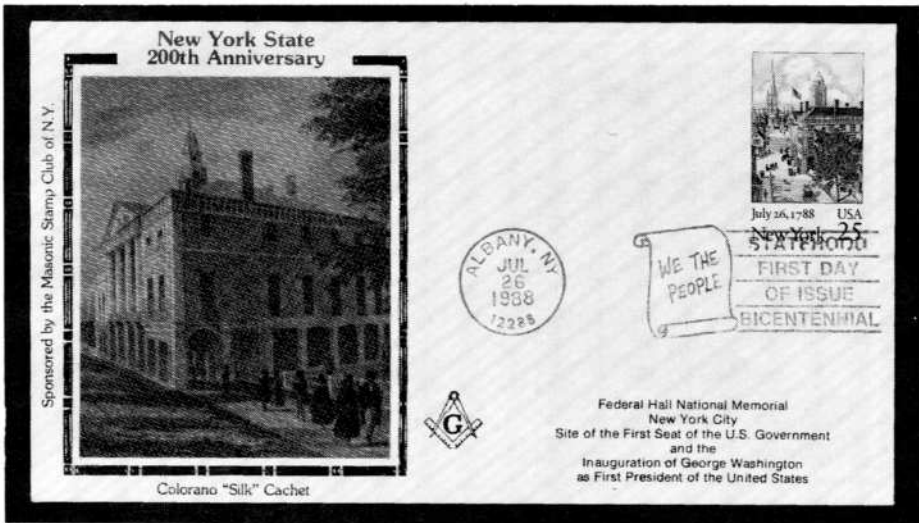
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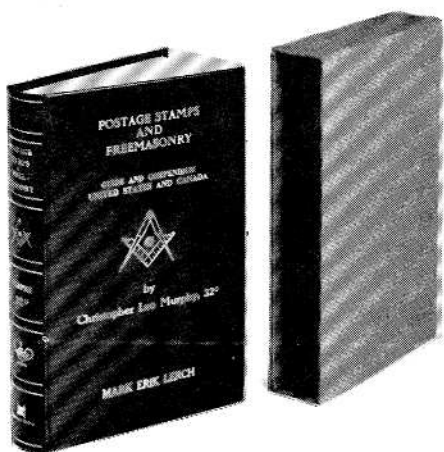
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