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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

Brother Claire Lee Chennault was born at Commerce, Texas on September 6, 1890. He was commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry in 1917 and later served in the aviation section of the Signal Corps and the Army Air Force.

Chennault retired from the Army in 1937 and became an advisor to Chaing Kai-Shek and the government of China. He developed the American volunteer group, The Flying Tigers, to defend the land route to China via Burma.

After World War II he organized the Civil Air Transport and later, the Flying Tigers Airline. He was a member of League City Lodge No. 1053, Texas; AASR Orient of Shanghai; and Islam Shrine Temple, San Francisco.



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Masonry and the Map

By R. 'W.' Joseph Nathan Kane
King Solomon-Beethoven Lodge No 232

(This article first appeared in the Masonic Review some years ago. We have reprinted it several times in the past, and do so again, in response to several requests. The Editor)

A close examination of the map of the United States and the ZIP Code directories of post offices is of more than passing interest to the Mason, and especially to the Masonic Philatelist. An almost complete reference to Masonry may be found in the names of the towns and cities of the United States.

For example in Kentucky one will find towns and cities with the following names; Mason, St. John, Beauty, Boaz, Joppa, Jephtha, Globe, Wisdom, Charters, Euclid, Clay, Jordan, Lebanon, Aaron, Hope, and Relief; while in Pennsylvania you will find Temple, St. John, Tyler, Hiram, Tyre, Jordan, Clay, Lebanon, Universal, Euclid, and Eureka.

Members of the Craft looking for a worthy brother may find a Mason in Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, and, if strength in numbers is of any importance to them, they will find entire groups; at Masonville, in New York and Colorado; Masontown in Pennsylvania and West Virginia; and Mason City in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. Masonic Park is in Colorado and Masons Cross in North Carolina.

A Mason who desires to go to Lodge may go either to Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia as he sees fit, but if he seeks Light he must go to Arkansas or Virginia. He will find a Tyler in Alabama, Arkansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington; a Warden in Washington; Secretary in Maryland and Masters in Colorado.

Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Texas, North Dakota, and Oklahoma each have a Temple. St. John may be found in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington; St. Johns in Arizona, Illinois and Michigan; St. Johnsbury and St. Johnsville in New York; and St. Johnsbury and East St. Johnsbury in Vermont. St. John the Baptist is a parish in Louisiana.

Geographers have apparently confused the position of the gates about the temple. There is Eastgate in California, Nevada and Texas; South Gate in California, Florida and Indiana; Westgate in Alaska, California and Iowa; and Northgate in North Dakota.

A further study of the map of the United States will show that the three dignitaries of the craft abound. There are six towns named Hiram, one each in Arkansas, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania; Solomon is in Alaska, Arizona and Kansas; while Michigan and Pennsylvania each have a Tyre.

The Masonic geographer will have difficulty locating the Holy Bible, Square, and Compass on the map of the United States.

He will find Bible School Park in New York and Bible Grove in Illinois; Central Square, New York; Square Butte in Montana; and Compass Lake in Florida.

Aaron upon whose beard the precious ointment ran is glorified by Aaron, Kentucky and Aaron in Missouri. The dew which descended upon Hermon and Zion is also remembered. There is a Hermon in New York; Zion in Arkansas, Illinois, New Jersey, and Virginia; Zion Canyon and Zion National Park in Utah.

The Entered Apprentice will find the Gage, one of the working tools of this degree, in Montana, New Mexico, New York, and Oklahoma; his watchword, Caution, is in California. Sun is in Louisiana; Sun City in Arizona, Kansas and California; Moon is in Oklahoma and Moon Run in Pennsylvania.

If the inquiring Masonic geographer is interested in the building of King Solomon's Temple, the timbers of which were felled and prepared in the forests of Lebanon, he will find not less than twenty towns in the United States bearing the Name of Lebanon. New York and Ohio each have a New Lebanon.

These cut timbers were conveyed in biblical times on floats by sea to Joppa. Today distinction would have to be made as to which Joppa was intended as there is a Joppa in Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, and Tennessee. From Joppa the timbers were taken by land to Jerusalem. Modern lumber transporters might take the timbers to Jerusalem, Arkansas or Jerusalem, Ohio or even to Jerusalem, Rhode Island.

The three rungs, Faith, Hope and Charity, of the theological ladder which Jacob saw in his dream which all good Masons hope to climb to reach the starry decked heavens, may be found scattered throughout the United States. Faith is in Arkansas, North Carolina and South Dakota; Charity in Kentucky; while Hope is situated in Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Rhode Island.

Of the principal tenets of Masonry, brotherly love, relief, and truth, only the latter two are named on the map. Relief is in Kentucky and North Carolina, while Truth is in Arkansas and North Carolina. Truth or Consequences is in New Mexico. Brotherly Love cannot be found.

Level, Idaho is the only town named after the immovable jewels, the square and plumb being omitted on the map. Five points may be found in Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida.

Keystone may be found in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and West Virginia. The four cardinal virtues, fortitude, prudence, temperance, and justice also have received their fair share of recognition from map makers. Prudence is in West Virginia, Temperance in Michigan, and Justice in Illinois and West Virginia.

Entered Apprentices who serve their masters with freedom, fervency and zeal which are represented by chalk, charcoal and clay, will find that no mention has been made of charcoal on the map of the United States. Chalk is in Texas and Kansas while Clay is in

New York, Arkansas, California, Texas, West Virginia.

The three columns representative of Strength, Beauty, and Wisdom likewise have obtained a place of recognition. Boaz is the name of towns in Alabama, Kentucky, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; Jachin is in Wisconsin, while Wisdom is in Kentucky, Missouri, and Montana. These columns were originally cast in the clay banks on the river Jordan, this name having been given to towns in Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

The chapters were ornamented with leaves of Lilly work, net work, and chains of pomegranates denoting peace, unity and plenty. There is Peace in Arkansas; Unity in Illinois and Kentucky; and Plentywood in Montana. Lilly is in Florida and Pennsylvania. Two of these pillars were surmounted by two artificial spherical bodies representing the celestial and terrestrial globes. There are five towns named Globe, in Arizona, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington.

David to whom the privilege of erecting the temple was denied has had towns named after him nevertheless; David in Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia, and David City, Nebraska. Davidson is in North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee. The site of the original Temple was Mount Moriah which is also the name of a city in Missouri. Temple may be found in Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas; Temple City is in California and Temple Terrace in Florida.

The passgrip of the second degree was instituted by Jephtha, who has a town named after him in Kentucky, in a war with the Ephraimites. That the animosity is forgotten may be proven by the fact that both Utah and Wisconsin have towns named Ephraim.

Five Points is in Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee. The beehive, the emblem of industry, is also the name of a town in Montana. The anchor and ark, emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life, have also been engraved in American topography. Anchor is located in both Oregon and Washington, while Virginia has a village named Ark. New York State boasts Arkport in Steuben County and Arkville in Delaware County.

Six towns have been named after Euclid, while twenty-one are named for his famous expression, "Eureka," meaning "I have found it."

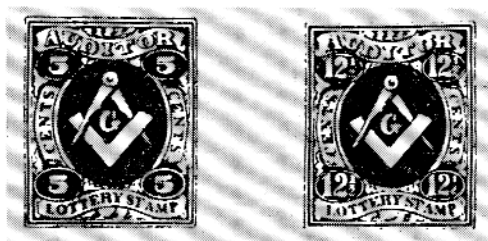
Whether or not these towns were directly named because of any Masonic connection is problematical. The selection of names for some of the communities may be traceable to members of the craft, but in many cases the selection of the name which also has a significance in Masonic ritual is only a matter of coincidence.

Masonic Philatelists interested in acquiring cancellations for their collections should send a S.A.S.E. (self addressed stamped envelope) with the proper postage affixed. Direct your covering letter to the postmaster at the particular location and request a sharp and distinct cancellation on your SASE.

Louisiana Lottery

(A Masonic Government Issue?)

Masonic Government issues are rare. In past issues of the *Masonic Philatelist* we have included various lists and illustrations of Masonic postage stamps. The United States and Canada have never issued a Masonic postage stamp. The closest was the 9 cent pink (Scott #714) with the likeness of George Washington taken from the W. Williams pastel portrait of Washington now in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. This stamp was part of the Washington Bicentennial Commemorative series (1/2 cent to 10 cents) issued in 1932, in conjunction with the national celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.



The Louisiana 1866-69 blue lottery tax stamps picturing a Masonic emblem probably should be included as a Masonic Government Issue. Four values were issued; 5, 6-1/2, 7-1/2 and 12-1/2 cents. Confederate General Pierre G. T. Beauregard was the supervisor of the Louisiana Lottery.

We hope to hear more from our members on this stamp and the 1866-69 green lottery stamps, 7-1/2 and 12-1/2 cents, which picture the Pelican feeding her young.



Glendale Lodge No. 23, F. E. A. M.

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Dr. Allan Boudreau, Publisher
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Dear Brother Boudreau,

Enclosed please find a cachet envelope with a special stamp and cancellation in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Free Masonry in Glendale, Arizona.

As is indicated by the accompanying literature, the holographic stamp on this envelope is not only unique, being the first and only one of its kind ever issued by the United States Post Office, but it bears a special significance to Free Masonry, as many of the pioneers of space have been Brethren of the Fraternity.

Glendale Lodge would be appreciative of your printing a notice of the availability of these cachet envelopes, which are sequentially numbered through 500 and contain an abbreviated history of our lodge, in *The Masonic Philatelist*. I am sure many Brethren would be pleased at the opportunity to obtain one of these unique items. We are asking four dollars (\$4.00) per envelope, return postage included.

Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word.

Fraternally,

Ralph R. Mangan, Jr.
Ralph R. Mangan, Jr.
Worshipful Master

Encl.

GLENDALE



ARIZONA

GLENDALE LODGE #23, F & A M

ABBREVIATED HISTORY GLENDALE LODGE #23, F. & A. M.

Brethren of the Town of Glendale first were granted a Dispensation for a Lodge on June 4, 1896, in the Territory (before statehood) of Arizona. Due to unsettled times, and the frequent movement of the brethren, that Dispensation was surrendered to Grand Lodge on November 6, 1897.

March 17, 1914 (two years after Arizona had achieved statehood), Masons living in Glendale assembled to again seek Lodge status. Subsequently, a Dispensation dated May 14, 1914, was granted by M.W.G.M. Milburn Smith in response to the May 5, 1914 Petition of 18 Brethren. The first Master of the Lodge was Frank Tussey Patterson; Wardens were Bro.s Charles Juncker and Ralph Julius Peck. The first meeting of the Lodge, U.D., was conducted May 27, 1914, at 8:00 P.M. The first Petition for the Degrees was submitted September 2, 1914 by Ray Sample, who was made an Entered Apprentice Mason on November 6, 1914.

Glendale Lodge was issued its Charter, dated February 10, 1915, at the Grand Communication held in Prescott, Ariz., and was formally constituted as Glendale Lodge #23 at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 14, 1915. It operated as a "Moon Lodge" from then until 1953. On June 16, 1915 Glendale Lodge #23 raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason the first Petitioner of the Chartered Lodge, Bro. Amos Cleming Hays, an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad.

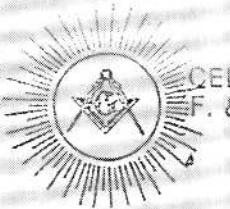
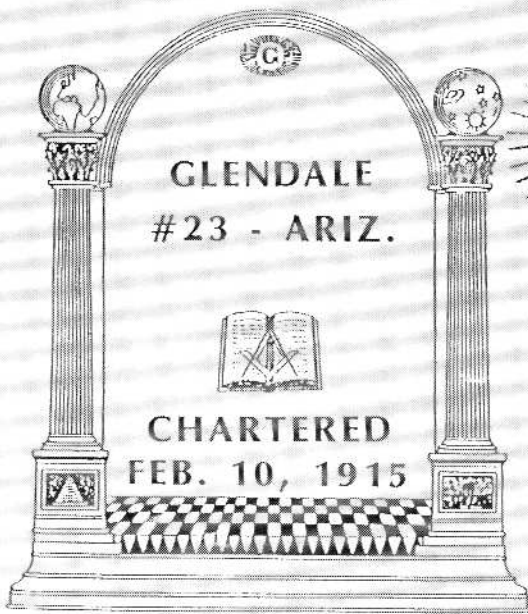
Over the intervening 75 years Glendale Lodge has remained very active, purchasing a lot and building its own Temple in 1950; and expanding that by purchasing the adjacent building in 1989, which originally housed the Glendale Post Office. At least two Masonic Lodges have been started by the Brethren of Glendale Lodge #23: Peoria Lodge #31 in 1921 and Buckeye Valley Lodge #42 in 1949.

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(This History is No. **120** of 500 numbered ones.)

CHARTERED FEBRUARY 10, 1915

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Insatation: May 9, 1896, in Glendale, Territory of Arizona.

Prior to present charter, granted: May 14, 1914.

For Degrees presented to glendale, U.D.: Sept. 2, 1914.

Ad by M.W. Grand Lodge of Arizona: February 10, 1915.

Ad Raised to Master Mason Degree by Glendale #23: June 16, 1915.

Ad Present Temple laid: January 22, 1950.

Ad meeting of a Masonic body in the Temple: April 3, 1950 (O.E.S.).

Ad Raised to Master Mason in the Temple: April 4, 1950.

Anniversary Observed: February 8, 1990 (A.L. 5990).

of 500

Other Masonic bodies & affiliates using our Temple, and their Charter dates, are: Chapter #20, Order of the Eastern Star, March 16, 1916; Assembly #8, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, November 9, 1927; Glendale Chapter, Order of DeMolay, May 26, 1946; Bethel #19, International Order of Job's Daughters, June 11, 1967; Sessamar Assembly #41, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, May 7, 1962; and Carey B. Wilson Lodge #67, April 23, 1968.

Many honors have been enjoyed by Glendale Lodge in its 75 years, including having its Past Master (1925) M.W. Bro. Louis A. Meyers elected Grand Master of Masons in Arizona for the 1940-41 Masonic year. Seventy-six (76) elective or appointive offices have been held by Glendale Lodge members, through the close of 1989. M.W. Bro. Meyers was elected Grand Treasurer for 23 consecutive years, 1948 - 1970, and honored thereafter as Grand Treasurer Emeritus. W. Bro. Roger K. Trueblood, Sr. (Master in 1945 and 1975) was elected to the Grand Lodge progressive line in 1959 as Grand Junior Steward, having previously held several Grand Lodge appointive offices, and progressed through the Junior Grand Deacon's chair prior to personal concerns requiring him to drop out of the line.

In 1984 Glendale Lodge #23, under leadership of W. Bro. Bill Gilliland, hosted the First Annual "Prospector's" Outdoor Third Degree, which has continued to the present as an annual festive event commemorating this Lodge's commencement in the Territorial days of Arizona. The Seventh Annual "Prospector's" is scheduled for April 20, 1991 at Campground #13, White Tanks (Maricopa County) Regional Park.

We enjoin you each to visit our Lodge, to Patronize our Mysteries and Join in Our Assemblies, as we look forward to further progress in the next 75 years of Masonry in Glendale, Arizona.

Fraternally,

The 75th Anniversary Observance Committee

GLENDALE



ARIZONA

GLENDALE LODGE #23, F & A M

The United States Post Office has issued its first ever holographic three-dimensional postage stamp, used with a first class stamped envelope and made available in early 1990. The 3-D picture portrayed by the holograph is of the moon and earth from space, with a space station and craft and two astronauts moving about it.

Glendale Lodge #23, F. & A. M. of Arizona, has acquired five hundred (500) of these envelopes, which are of particular interest to Masonry since many of those men involved in the space program are members of the Fraternity, including Brothers Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.

Printed on these envelopes is a cachet commemorating the seventy-fifty (75th) Anniversary of the Chartering of Glendale Lodge, which lists some highlights of our 75 year history. And, on June 16, 1990 - 75 years to the day from when the first Master Mason was raised in the newly Chartered and Constituted Glendale Lodge - the United States Post Office opened a postal station, where these 500 envelopes were hand canceled with a cancellation stamp created especially for that occasion.

The envelopes are sequentially numbered one through five hundred, and are a one-of-a-kind item for any collector of Masonic and/or postal memorabilia. Inside each envelope is an identically numbered two page history of Glendale Lodge #23. We believe this to be a unique offering among Masons, and one which may prove to be exceedingly rare, as it is uncertain if the Post Office will ever again issue a holographic postage stamp.

These Commemorative Cachet envelopes are available for four dollars (\$4.00) each, including postage to mail them to the requestor. They may be ordered from:

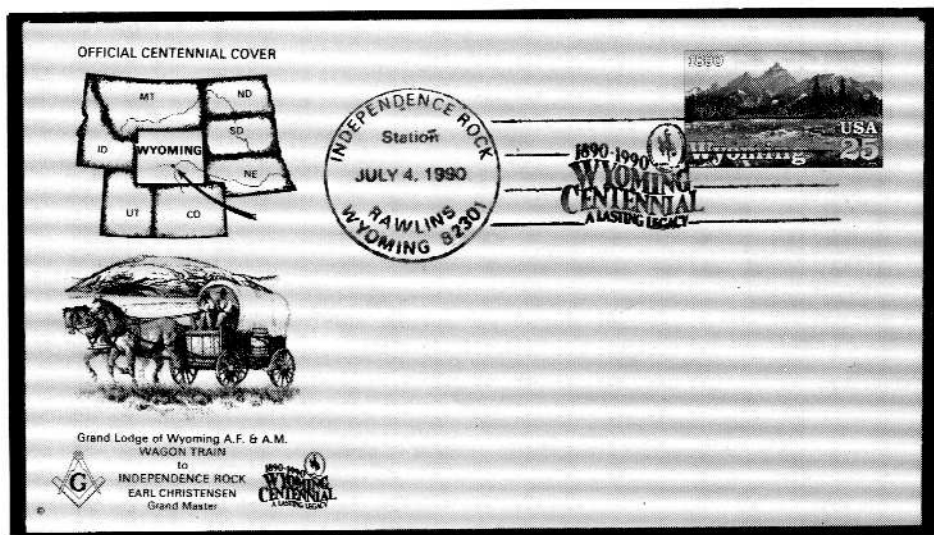
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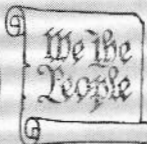
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State Senator

Clerk of the Court, Edenton



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North Carolina

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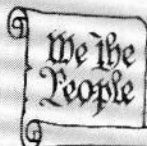
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As you may be interested in other covers from the Studygroup De Getande Rand I am able to send them to you, therefore I am sending you the list of covers still available. If you send me the money, I shall send you the covers immediately.

Thanking you in advance, and looking forward for your cover, with kind regards,

Fraternally yours,



W.F. mit.

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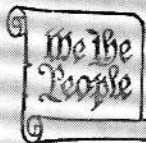
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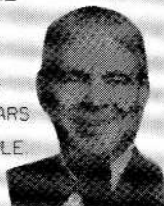


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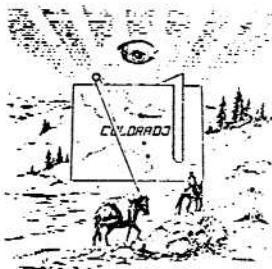


FREEMAN G. TEED



on January 26, 1888 thirteen Nobles gathered in a Los Angeles Masonic hall, determined to enliven the growing Southland with a Temple of the Mystic Shrine. On February 20 the Noble 13 were recognized as «Al Malaikah Temple» under dispensation. They elected the now-Fabled Freeman Teed as their «Grand Potentate», bought requisite robes and paraphernalia, and started initiating a seemingly endless train of Candidates, for whom membership in the Shrine was already a high distinction.

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Denver Masonic Stamp Club

ITS HISTORY AND ORIGIN

On the evening of July 5, 1948, 18 Master Mssons in the Denver area gathered together at the home of James N. Adams to discuss the organization of a new club, THE DENVER MASONIC STAMP CLUB, at the close of the evening the "new" club was unanimously born and among its charter members was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, W.B. Harry W. Bundy and Brother George B. Clark, Grand Librarian for the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

On its second meeting July 29, 1948 the election of officers was held and Bro. James N. Adams was elected as its first President, assisted by a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Stewart. In the preceeding weeks the by-laws were written, a charter from the state of Colorado was obtained, and permission for the use of the name was granted from the Grand Lodge of Colorado with its blessing.

The purpose of the Denver Masonic Stamp Club was to promote fellowship and assistance to Brother Masons interested in Philately and to further the knowledge of masonry through stamps. In just a matter of months the membership grew to 35 members.

The Denver Masonic Stamp Club is also proud of the fact that it was instrumental in obtaining the 1951 Colorado Stamp, commemorating the states 75 years of statehood.

In 1949 a committee was formed consisting of Bro. John C. Kringle, W.B. Harry W. Bundy and Bro. George B. Clark.

This committee with the help of Bro. William C. Gobel submitted a request for a Colorado stamp together with a design by Bro. Gobel to the Post Office Department.

It is interesting to note that the Colorado stamp was completely turned down at one time by the Post Office Department, but thru the continued efforts of our committee a complete turn a round was made, and while the design we submitted was not used, we feel our committee was responsible for obtaining approval of the Colorado stamp.

The Denver Masonic Stamp Club to this day joins forces with the other stamp clubs in the area in sponsoring the annual "RompeX" show held each year in Denver.

We also issue Masonic cachets commemorating a number of Masonic events, our most recent endeavor being the Rededication of the Colorado State Capitol and the Colorado Lodges celebrating their 100th birthday.

A few years ago we also started a "Newsletter" in which we try to bring Masonic news to our members, plus items we feel will be of interest to a Masonic collector.

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