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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

FAIR LAWN, NJ — Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Batalias announce the engagement of their son, First Lt. Thomas F. Batalias, USMC, to Melinda S. Eldreth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Eldreth of Willow Spring, N.C.

Lt. Batalias, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is stationed in Saudi Arabia. He was executive officer of headquarters and service battery, third light anti-aircraft missile batalion, MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.

The future bride is a scholarship student at East Carolina University, where she is a senior majoring in mathematics.

A wedding will be planned upon Lt. Batalias's return from Saudi Arabia.



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HOME FRONT

*We are the families that they left behind;
Loved ones in Saudi Arabia are always on our mind.*

*The Liberation of Kuwait is their main goal;
Fighting for freedom is our military's soul.*

*When it was time for the send-off, we hated to part,
But in our long letters, we send them our heart.*

*Watching television, we hope for the best,
As our brave men and women are put to the test.*

*We fly Old Glory and yellow ribbons so bright;
We support our Troops because it is for us that they fight.*

*Iraqi SCUD missiles may terrorize all,
But our Patriot missiles always answer the call.*

*Operation Desert Storm will hopefully be brief;
We remain loyal to George Bush, Commander-In-Chief.*

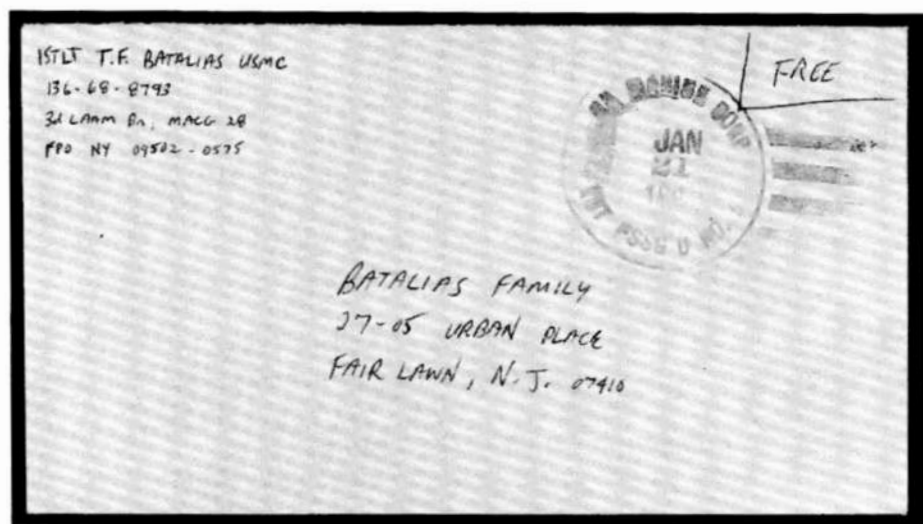
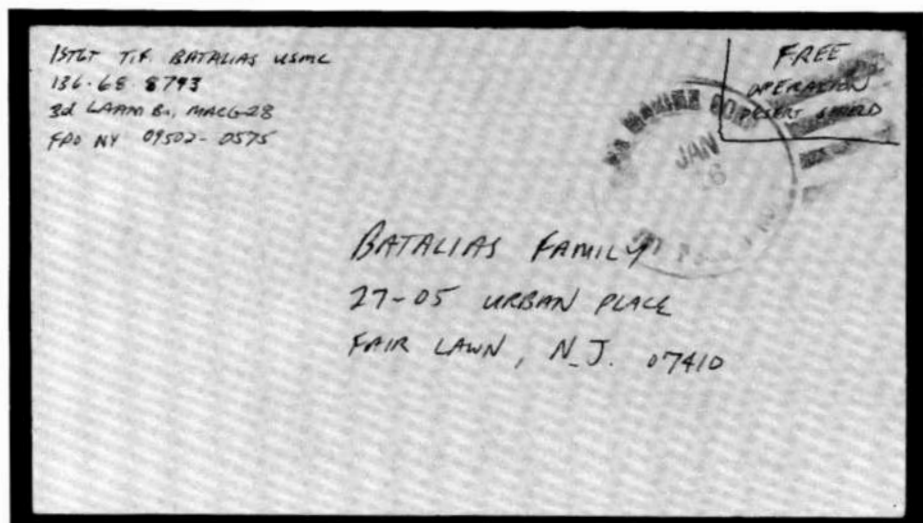
*We pray every day for God to keep them safe,
And try our very best to keep a brave face.*

*The Home Front is extremely proud of the Allies,
And sing "Star Spangled Banner" with tears in our eyes.*

*Whatever the mission, wherever they roam,
We look forward to celebrating when they come home.*

*We know we have a country that is gentle and kind,
Because we are the Home Front that they left behind.*

By Christine J. Batalias



OPERATION DESERT SHIELD COVERS

December 27, 1990

Nicholas Batalies
Masonic Stamps Club of N. Y.
Masonic Hall Box 10
46 West 24th St.
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Bro. Nicholas:

How are you? Time is running short, you will received this letter on 1991. Say hello to the brethren there and to your family. A Happy New Year to you all.

Last June 1990, I am with our Grand Master party on his overseas trip, we visited KOREA, Masonic District No. 30, and U.S. territory of GUAM, Masonic District No. 20, all two District in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines. October 27, 1990. I am with our Grand Master, MW John L. Choa and Grand Lodge Officers to Taipei, Taiwan, China. The Philippines Grand Lodge was the mather lodge of Grand Lodge of China. We attending the 37th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of China. October 30, 1990 to Hong Kong to attend the occasion of the Consecration Ceremony (Oct. 31) at Hong Kong Zetland Hall, The Rotarian Lodge of Hong Kong No. 9378, (new lodge) District of Hong Kong and the Far East.

Last November 19, 1990. A National Philatelic Exhibition held in coordination with the Philippine Poster Service Office, in observance of National Philatelic Week 1990 by the APD PHILATELIC SOCIETY, which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary -RUBY JUBILEE. "APD RUBYPEX 90". I am participate the category Topical or Thematics, "Philippine Freemasonry". the entry given an award "Honorable Mention".

Bro. Nicholas, in this letter I send you two new covers, November 5, 1990, Bro. Jose Rizal 100 years affiliation with Lodge Solidaridad No. 53, Madrid, Spain. December 17, 1990, issued the centenary of Bro. Dr. Rizal "Famous Essay", please put it in our philatelic page, \$1.00 each.

Take my regards to you family. Hope to hear from you in the near future.

Fraternal greetings,

Vicente Antonio Cu
P. O. Box 1443
ZIP 1099, Manila, Philippines.

"FILIPINAS DENTRO DE CIEN AÑOS"

The Philippine Postal Services Office issued on December 17, 1990, a set of commemorative stamp and first day cover honoring the centennial year of DR. JOSE RIZAL's famous essay "Filipinas Dentro De Cien Años".

"Filipinas Dentro De Cien Años" was written by Bro. Jose Rizal for La Solidaridad, the official publication of the Propagandists or Reformists, headed by Bro. Graciano Lopez Jaena, who were based in Spain.

The article came out in a four-part continuing series, the first appearing in the September 30, 1889, Year I, No.16 issue of the "Democratic Forthrightly", as the La Solidaridad described itself in its masthead. The next segment, probably delayed, was published in the October 31, 1889 edition. The third part appeared on December 15 of the same year, and the conclusion, on the first of February 1890.

The lengthy essay, long-acknowledged by historians as one of Dr. Rizal's greatest and most important works, showed his uncanny ability to prognosticate the Philippines's political and social future. Inspired by the anniversaries of the French and Spanish revolutions, Rizal thought it an opportune time to exhort Mother Spain, then the Philippines' colonizer for over 300 years, to institute progressive changes in her policies regarding the country, in order to preempt the dire consequences of maintaining the status quo. He warned Spain that if she continued with her rigid policies, the Philippines would resort to revolution. He predicted that once the country gained independence, none of the major European nations, including England, Holland, Germany and France, would consider obtaining her; he believed the United States would. He also examined the country's history, from the beginning of Spain's rule, decrying the native Filipinos' gradual abandonment of their indigenous and pre-hispanic culture, customs, traditions, dances, songs and even laws, for the alien culture of the white conquistadores. He bring out an enlightening, even revolutionary idea: that when the natives began to adopt the foreign ways, thus also began the destruction of their spirit, until it was finally extinguished.

History has substantiated Rizal's ideas, and today, one hundred years after "Filipinas Dentro De Cien Años" was first published, his ideas have remained relevant, trenchant and hauntingly urgent.

Source: The National Historical Institute, through its Chairman and Executive Director, Dr. Serafin D. Quisason.

100 YEARS OF



Philippine National Hero
Affiliation with
Lodge Solidaridad No. 53, Madrid, Spain
1890 November 5, 1990



100th Anniversary of Bro DR. JOSE P. RIZAL FAMOUS ESSAY



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STATED MEETINGS FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

February 11th, 1991

Dr. Allan Boudreau
Publisher
Masonic Philatelist
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New York, N.Y. 10010-4103

Dear Brother Boudreau,

Thank you so much for the copies of the Masonic Philatelist which I recently received.

Worshipful Brother Les Jennings and myself are most pleased with the coverage that was given to our History Envelope. This was beyond my expectations.

I have placed one of the publications into our 75th Anniversary Time Capsule which will be opened in the year 2065. I am sure that the brothers of our lodge will enjoy reading it in the future.

Thanks again for your efforts in this matter.

Fraternally,

Ralph R. Mangan, Jr.
Ralph R. Mangan, Jr.
Past Master

SALUTING AMERIPEX '86



UNITED STATES MASONIC PRESIDENTS
* WITH TERM OF OFFICE *

GEORGE WASHINGTON	30 Apr. 1789 - 3 Mar. 1797
JAMES MONROE	4 Mar. 1817 - 3 Mar. 1825
ANDREW JACKSON	4 Mar. 1829 - 3 Mar. 1837
JAMES K. POLK	4 Mar. 1845 - 3 Mar. 1849
JAMES BUCHANAN	4 Mar. 1857 - 3 Mar. 1861
ANDREW JOHNSON	15 Apr. 1865 - 3 Mar. 1869
JAMES A. GARFIELD	4 Mar. 1881 - 19 Sep. 1881
WILLIAM MCKINLEY	4 Mar. 1897 - 14 Sep. 1901
THEODORE ROOSEVELT	14 Sep. 1901 - 3 Mar. 1909
WILLIAM H. TAFT	4 Mar. 1909 - 3 Mar. 1913
WARREN G. HARDING	4 Mar. 1921 - 2 Aug. 1923
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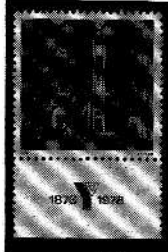


Best wishes
Elvio Scubby

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Donald R. McKinney 郵.領.

Dear Dr. Boudreau,

In looking through the June 1988 issue of the Masonic Philatelist on page 13; I noticed in the list of Masonic government issues, one in 1956 for Costa Rica. Could you provide me any info on this issue, as I have been unable to find it in Scott catalogues?

Also, in 1961, Suriname (Dutch Guiana) issued a stamp, Scott No. 293, which depicted the front view of Lodge Concordia No. 10, in Paramaribo, the capital city. I think this warrants being added to this listing even though the name of the building is not on the stamp. Lodge Concordia was erected in 1761 and is one of the oldest extant lodges in South America.

I have done a bit of research on the recent ^{ISRAEL} issue commemorating "B'nai B'rith", and there are definitely no Masonic connections as has been previously supposed. However, a recent issue which depicts the YMCA building in Jerusalem does. It was in the halls of the YMCA building that the Grand Lodge of Israel was consecrated on October 20, 1953. This might be an interesting stamp for addition to one's collection of Masonic affiliated stamps. I do have some copies of this if someone wants one.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and the best for the upcoming year. I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely,

Donald McKinney

Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.
2nd and 4th Saturday

23 February 1991

Allan Boudreau
One Washington Square Village
New York, N.Y. 10012-1601

Dear Brother Allan,

Many thanks for the cover you sent in your letter to me of the 19th. I hope this finds you and yours well and able to be about your duties okay.

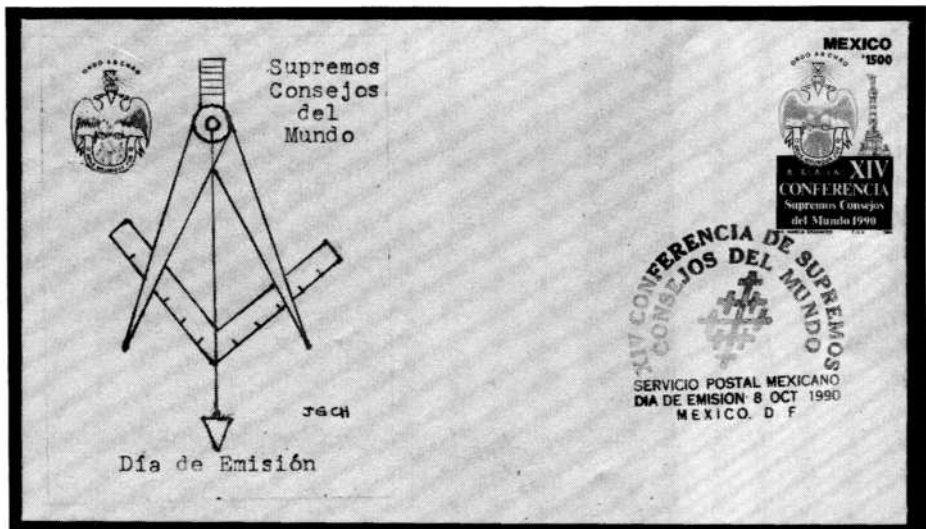
Enclosed is a copy of the Mexico stamp and F.D.C. commemorating the Scottish Rite. The stamp is particularly nice I think, however you will notice that the Mexicans are not noted for their covers, which leaves a bit to be desired.

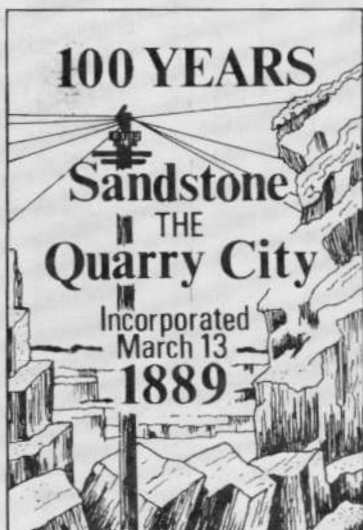
Please accept these with my appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the club. Keep up the good works. Please include my address in the magazine so that anyone interested in a copy of this can write for one.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Donald

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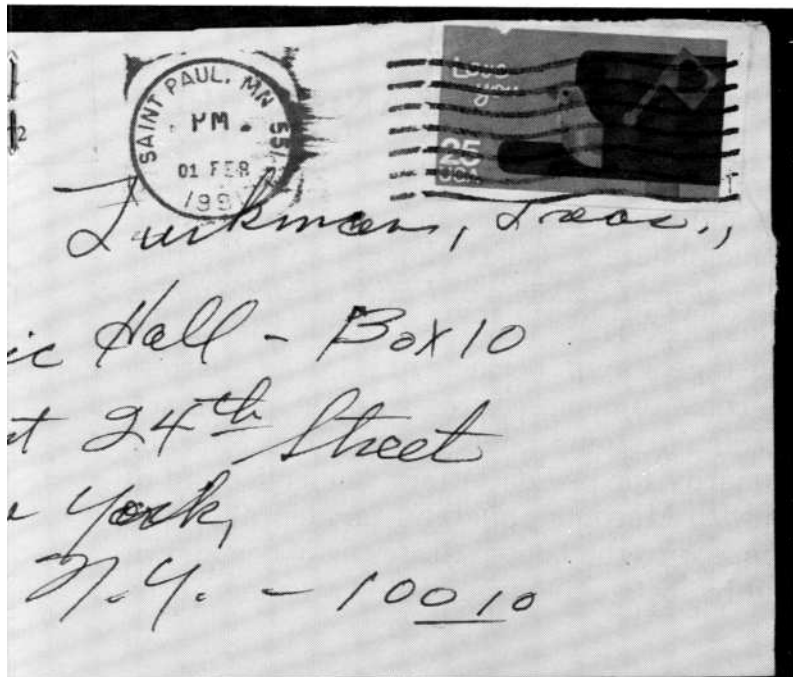
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In 1887 railroad magnate James J. Hill brought rail service through Sandstone. The Northern Railway of Minnesota (a division of the Great Northern, Superior, WI and Hinckley). James Hill had excellent water that he had it shipped to the Midwest by a company that distributed bottled water.

Sandstone was incorporated on March 13, 1889, which destroyed the entire village, but gave it a brighter future. The Hills made Sandstone a large roundhouse in 1895. The quarry was started by the men. In the early 1920s concrete was made from sandstone. The quarry, which is now Re...

The following year a U.S. Federal Penitentiary was built, which provided a much needed boost to the local economy. The Federal Correctional Institution continues to employ residents.

Brother James J. Hill (1838-1916)
was a member of Ancient Landmarks



J. Hill and his son-in-law, Samuel Hill, one when they completed the Eastern Great Northern Railroad connecting Hill was so impressed with Sandstone's to his home in St. Paul and started a er from Sandstone springs throughout

March 13, 1889. After the 1894 fire Sandstone emerged stronger with a one a railroad division point and built a peaked in 1910 when it employed 600 nstruction diminished the demand for obinson Park, closed in 1938.

Prison Farm opened east of Sandstone, o the town's sagging economy. Today's inues to provide many jobs for area

"Empire Builder of the Northwest"
Lodge No. 5, St. Paul, Minnesota.

COLLECTING MASONIC SEALS AND LABELS

By George H. Wettach

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

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

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

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

The above categories may be subdivided into National/

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

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

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

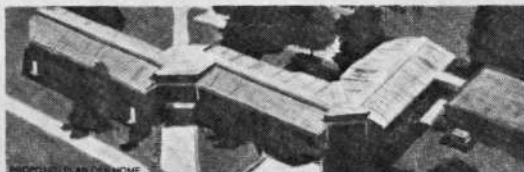
Since research is still going on, it would be appreciated if answers could be had to the following questions:

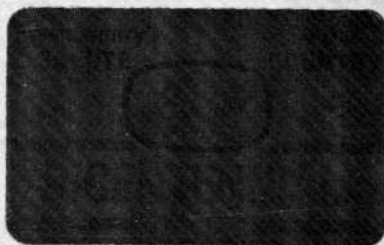
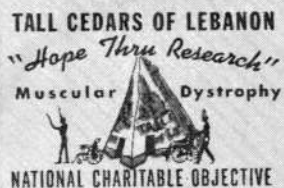
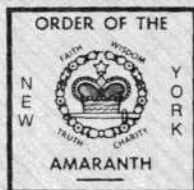
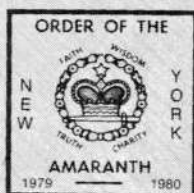
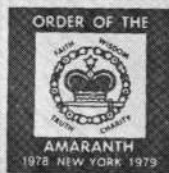
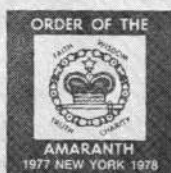
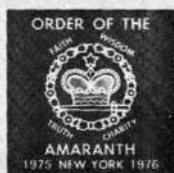
1. When was the *first* Masonic seal issued and by whom?
2. When did *each* Masonic body first issue seals?
3. When, where and by whom was the illustrated German language seal issued?
4. What other Masonic bodies have issued seals?
5. What foreign Masonic seals are known?
6. Should we publish sources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

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

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

George H. Wettach
P.O. Box 261
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410







memo

FROM: BOB DOYLE

DATE:

Robert S. Doyle
23 Lincoln Ave.
Bradford, PA 16701

Masonic Stamp Club
Collectors Club Bldg
22 East 35th St.
New York, New York 10016

Attached is A Zrxox of
of Masonic cancellations
that I AM attempting to
dispose of - the best one
is A Square and compass on
A # 154 - Fine

if anyone is interested
PLEASE Write them My Address.

Incidentally I was A Member
for several years prior to
1968

Fraturnally
Robert S Doyle



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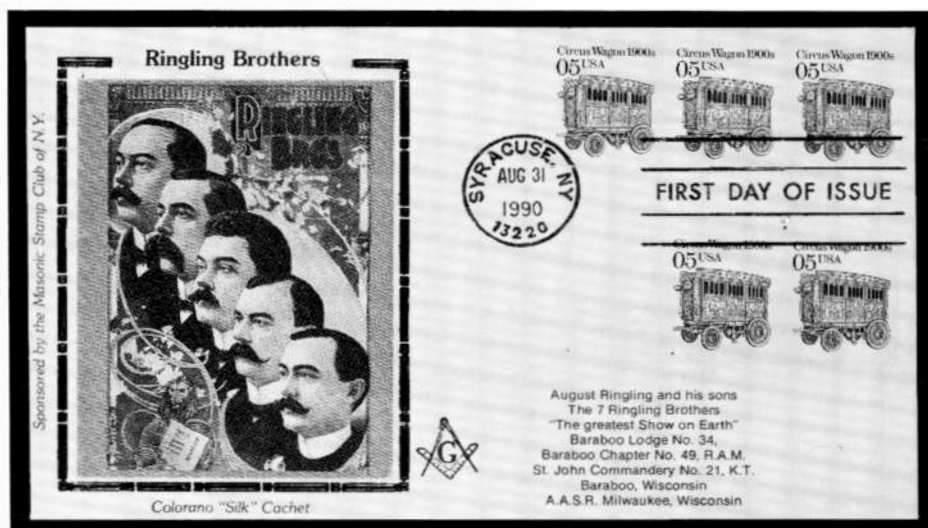
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10-05-80	Obelisk in NYC	New York, NY	\$3.00
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1-13-84	50th Anniversary MSCNY	New York, NY	\$3.00
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1-20-89	George Bush Inauguration	Washington, DC	\$3.00
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