



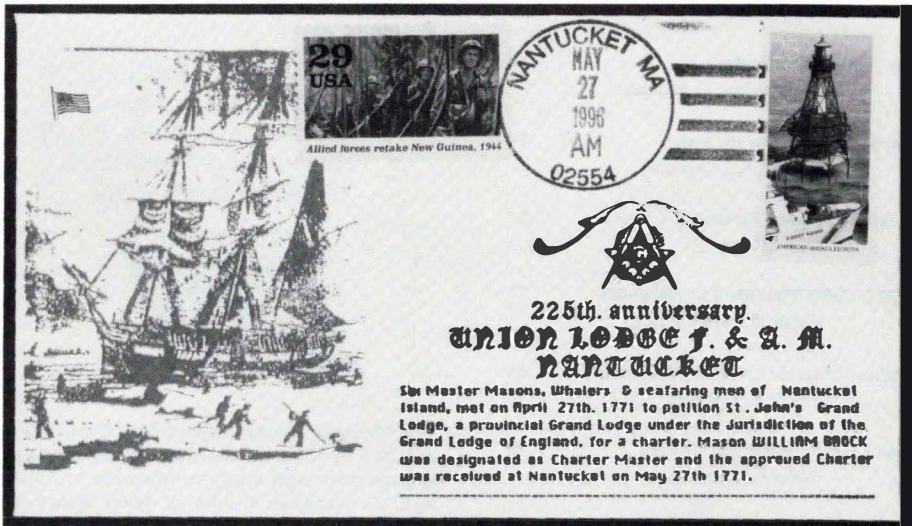
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved 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.

Annual Report 1996

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.

Nicholas Batalias, President

Once again the active officers and directors of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc. present this annual report to the membership. We approach the new year 1997 with mixed emotions; confident in what we have accomplished and apprehensive in regard to the continuing decline in the general membership in the Masonic Fraternity.

Enclosed together with this September 1996 issue of *The Masonic Philatelist* is the 1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM. We ask that you **please return this form together with your 1997 dues today!** A special thanks is extended, in advance, to all of the Brothers who include an extra donation in addition to their regular dues. As you all know we have never dropped a member because of money. With our ever greying membership we carry an increasing number who have difficulty paying the small annual dues.

We will once again send a selection of Masonic First Day Covers (and perhaps other items of Philatelic interest) to all members who send in a Self-Addressed #10 Envelope (SASE) with \$.55 U S. Postage affixed. Members outside the US who do not have US postage stamps available should add a small amount to their donation to help cover the cost of overseas mailing.

We again appeal to all to please carefully check your correct address and include your accurate address including the nine digit (Zip + 4) zip code when you send in your annual dues. Changing Post Office regulations require that periodicals such as *The Masonic Philatelist* must have this mailing information, and eventually destination bar coding, for proper delivery.

The Masonic Stamp club of New York, Inc.

Several of our members serve as our "Correspondents" in foreign countries and I want to recognize their status at this time. We appreciate the work they are doing. The entire membership is enriched by the contributions they make to our publications and educational efforts.

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The expenses of the Club are an important subject that must be discussed. Annual Dues have never paid all the necessary Club expenses. All of the work is done by volunteers who receive no reimbursement except our profound thanks for a job well done. I especially applaud our Secretary, Bernard Nathan and our Past President/Publisher Dr. Allan Boudreau for their outstanding efforts in keeping the Club functioning.

We are fortunate that Club members have donated their time, efforts, dollars, and even their philatelic collections to help the club. This individual generosity has been a major factor in keeping the Club operating. We have been advised that several members have included **The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.** in their wills. This is long range help but it can make a very big difference. Should you want to help in this manner please consider adding to your Will the statement, "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc. 22 East 35th Street, New York, New York 10016 the sum of _____ dollars."

We keep the dues as low as possible to balance the annual budget. Actually all of your dues goes towards your subscription to *The Masonic Philatelist*. The costs include the printing, mailing, postage (domestic US and foreign). One of our ongoing goals is to make our Club magazine better with each passing year.

The Masonic Philatelist

September 1996

The Club Lounge will continue at the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA) Show, Postage Stamp Mega-Event, in New York City. This is the largest and most diverse annual philatelic event in the country. The show will run October 31 to November 3, 1996 at the Jacob K. Javitz Convention Center -655 West 34th Street New York , New York . Show hours are Thursday 10-8, Friday & Saturday 10 to 6; Sunday 10-4. The four day show offers lectures, give-aways, dealers, exhibits, **FREE ADMISSION**, ASDA souvenir card, and much more. A visit is both entertaining and educational. Transportation to the Convention Center is easy and convenient. The regular 34th Street crosstown New York City Transit bus will take you directly to the Convention Center (fare is .75 for the over 65 crowd).

We are always on the lookout for material suitable for publication in The Masonic Philatelist, our Club Magazine. Members like to hear about what others involved in our pastime are doing. We urge to let others know what you are working on and perhaps they will be willing and/or able to help you. Your contributions to the publication process will enrich your own philatelic activities and at the same time help us to put out a magazine that is of value and appreciated by all the members.

As most of you know, The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc., has met at the Collectors Club in New York City for many years. We support the Collectors Club in all their activities and many of our members over the years were (and are) members of the Collectors Club. Following this report I am presenting, for your information, the fall 1996 schedule of philatelic presentations at the Collectors Club. You are invited to attend and enjoy these philatelic discourses and discussions in the company of the world's foremost philatelists. Refreshments commence in the Collectors Club Lounge beginning at 5:30 PM followed by the topic for the evening.

On behalf of all the Officers, Directors, and Brothers of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc., I thank every one of our members for their ongoing support. May each of you enjoy many more years of pleasure and enjoyment in your pursuit of the world's greatest hobby, philately!!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY!!!

The Masonic Stamp club of New York, Inc.

**The Collectors Club
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Fall 1996 Schedule of Events

September 18, 1996
Brattleboro, VT Postmaster Provisionals,
Frederick N. Palmer, Postmaster - The Definitive Study,
Philip T. Wall, Esq. Greensboro, NC

October 2, 1996
The United States Five Cent Issue of 1851- 55 Specialized.
Frederick R. Mayer, Denver, CO

October 16, 1996
The United States Official War Stamps and Stationery, A Specialized Study
Dr. David B. Lobdell, Bridgeport, CT

**5:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 PM EXHIBIT OPENS
6:30 PM MEETING CONVENES**

November 6, 1996
The Balloon Posts of Paris
Steven C. Walske, Chestnut Hill, MA

November 28 - December 2, 1996
**"Anphilex 96" -
The 100th Anniversary of The Collectors Club
The Waldorf Astoria, New York City**

December 4, 1996
The Kansas Nebraska Issues
The Washington-Franklin Coils
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hadley, Milwaukee, WI

December 11, 1996
Board of Governors - Open House
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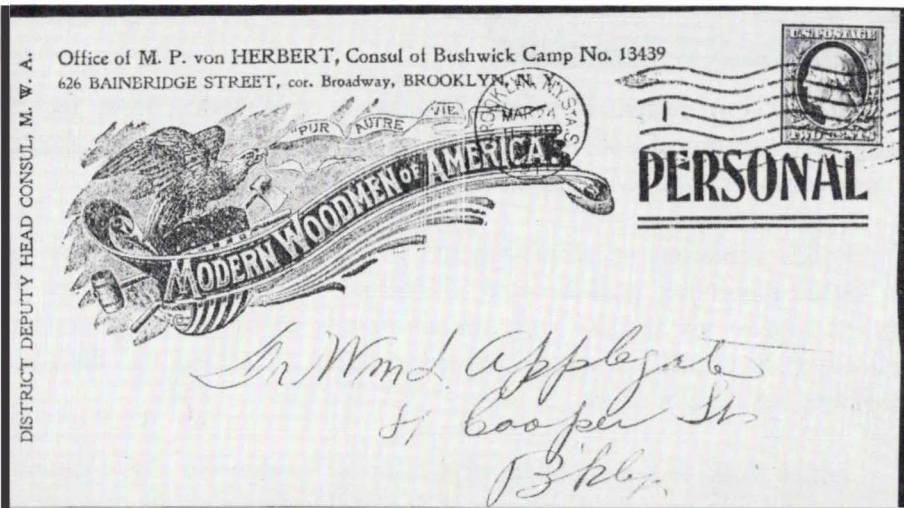
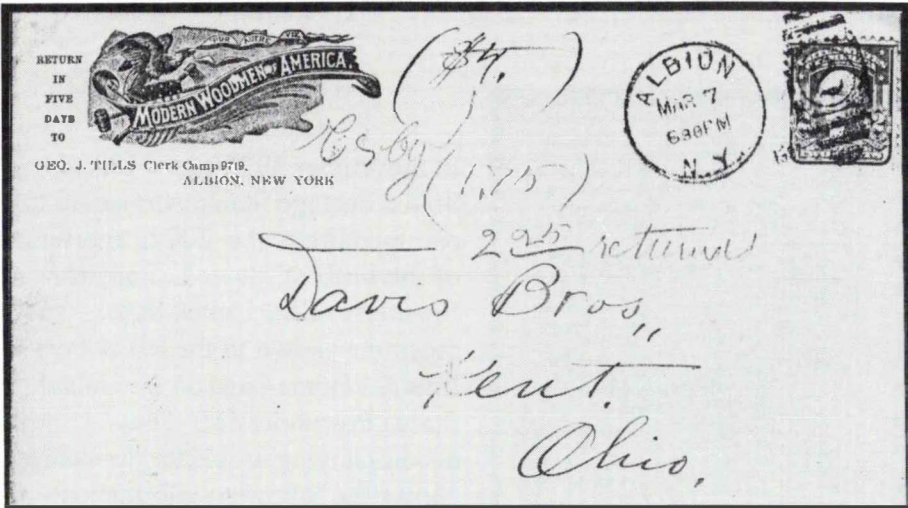
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Gene Fricks, PM

Many of us have encountered covers like the ones illustrated in our search for Masonic related materials. Sometimes, we find that dealers have misidentified these items as Masonic and priced them accordingly.

The Woodmen of the World are three fraternal organizations, that descend from the "Modern Woodman" of Rock Island, IL [which continues to operate]. The Woodman, established about 1870, was a fraternal benefit society providing low-cost burial insurance to Civil War veterans. About 1890, Woodman of Omaha and Pacific Woodman split from the parent organization. Woodman of Omaha, covering much of the Midwest, remains in business as one of the larger insurance companies. Pacific Woodman is based in Littleton, CO, and covers the western rim states. Outside of Colorado it is known under the name "Insured Investors Life."

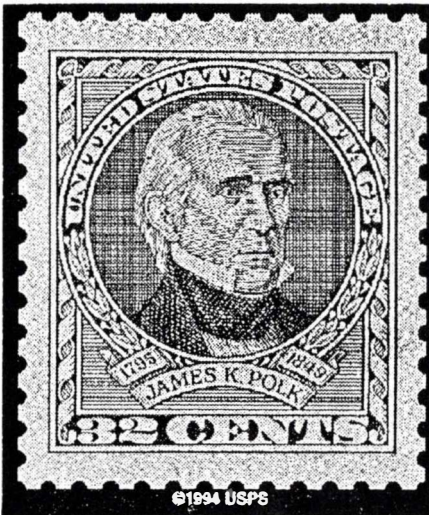
The local organizations are chapters in the larger cities, with many social activities.



The Tireless President

by

Christopher L. Murphy, BF



In November 1995 a new United States Postage Stamp was issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of James L. Polk, eleventh President of the United States. The facsimile shown to the left is from the Internet Home-page on the United States Postal Service. The accompanying article for the stamp shows the following information relative to the stamp design.

"The stamp, designed by John Thompson of Waterloo, Iowa, features an engraved portrait of Polk surrounded by an ornate oval frame replicating the nineteenth-century style typical of early postage stamps."

Polk's numerous accomplishments in the presidency distinguish him as a highly ambitious, goal-directed individual. It was these qualities that both led him to his success and, unfortunately, to his untimely demise [President Polk virtually worked himself to death. He died 103 days after completing his term of office.

James Polk was a member of Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tennessee. Aside from the stamps that depict this famous Freemason, there

are a number of other stamps with unique connections that might be considered in a Masonic presentation.

These stamps are those associated with some of the milestones, as follows, of Polk's administration.

- Opening of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, 1845 (Reference: Scott No. 794).
- Establishment of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. 1846 (Reference Scott No. 943).
- Issuance of the first United States Postage Stamp, 1847 (Reference: Scott No. 1).
- Laying the cornerstone of the Washington Monument, 1848 (Reference: Scott No. 1157).

There is yet another, although somewhat unusual, postage stamp connection with President Polk. The three stars on Tennessee's State Flag (Scott No. 1648) are said to represent Presidents Andrew Jackson, James Polk and Andrew Johnson, who all lived in Tennessee and, incidentally, who were all Freemasons.

James Knox Polk, the eleventh president of the United States, was sworn into office in 1845 following his election as the nation's first "dark horse" candidate. Polk was born in Pineville, North Carolina on November 2, 1795 and moved with his family to Tennessee at an early age. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1818 and returned to Tennessee where he studied law and served as a clerk of the state senate in Murfreesboro, then the state capitol.

Polk served seven terms in the United States Congress as a supporter and friend of Andrew Jackson, and served as speaker of the United States House of Representatives between a835 and a839, leaving to become Governor of Tennessee. Polk remains the only Speaker of the House to become president.

In 1844, Polk was a leading contender for the Democratic nomination for vice-president, behind a strong list of presidential contenders including Martin Van Buren of New York, John Calhoun of South Carolina, Lewis Cass of Michigan, and James Buchanan of Pennsylvania. After the presidential nomination remained deadlocked after eight ballots, the Democrats at the convention agreed on a compromise candidate, Silas Wright of New York with Polk as his running mate. Wright, however, refused the nomination and Polk, whose name was not even on the first seven ballots, was nominated unanimously on the ninth ballot.

In the presidential election that followed, Polk garnered 107 electoral votes to 105 for the Whig candidate Henry Clay of Kentucky, giving Polk the slimmest margin of victory up to that date.

Committed to the nation's "manifest Destiny," Polk won a war with Mexico and annexed more than 500,000 square miles now known as Texas, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. At the same time, Polk risked war with Great Britain, claiming the territory from the California border northward to the southern boundary of Russian Alaska, located at latitude 54 degrees 40 minutes north. Although extremists demanded "fifty four forty or fight," Polk worked out a treaty with Great Britain establishing the northern boundary of the Pacific northwest at the 49th parallel, with the exception of the southern end of Vancouver Island.

James Knox Polk died on June 15, 1849, in Nashville, Tennessee, 103 days after completing his term of office as President of the United States.



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**THE JAMES K. POLK ANCESTRAL HOME &
THE JAMES K. POLK MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**

The Ancestral Home of James Knox Polk, located in historic Maury County, Tenn., is the only house still in existence (other than the White House) in which Polk actually lived. It was there Polk lived while he began his legal and political career.

The home has been restored to the period 1820-1850 and is furnished with objects that belonged to or relate to President and Mrs. Polk, the immediate family, or the Polk presidency. The 1816 Federal-style building, built by the president's parents, is a Registered National Historic Landmark and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

The recently renovated "Sisters' House" next door, where two of Polk's married sisters lived at different times, is the starting point for tours of the site and contains the museum which illustrates Polk's career and accomplishments, the video room where visitors watch a twelve-minute orientation film, the museum shop and all administrative offices. Included in the tour are the reconstructed kitchen behind the home and the large formal garden.

The preservation of the Polk home and artifacts is the result of efforts on city, county and state levels. When Polk's widow, Sarah Childress Polk, died in Nashville in 1891, her great-niece, Mrs. Rollin P. Grant, inherited many of the president's belongings and initiated efforts to collect, save and display the Polk possessions. She organized the Polk Memorial Association in 1924.


In 1929, the organization decided to acquire the Polk Home and move the collection to Columbia. Over a period of almost twenty years, additional property was purchased to create the current one-acre site. The Association relies heavily on the volunteer efforts of its 1,200 members in every aspect of its operation, including a variety of educational programs.

JAMES KNOX POLK

James K. Polk



Born Nov 2, 1795
Died June 15, 1849
Member of Columbia Lodge No. 31 and LaFayette Royal Arch Masons all of Columbia Tennessee - Governor U.S. Congressman 1825-39 Speaker of the House 1835-39 11th U.S. PRESIDENT 1845-49
During his Presidential term of office, U.S. issued its first postage stamps, the 5¢ Ben Franklin and 10¢ George Washington in 1847

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club



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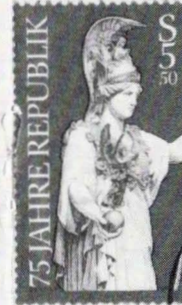
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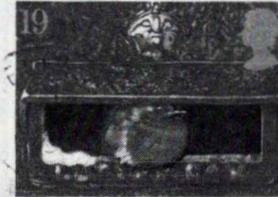


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THE YORKTOWN “STAND-IN”

By

Christopher L. Murphy, BF



On a blustery day in 1781, a British officer was ordered to “stand-in” for his commander in the negotiations for the surrender of Yorktown. The commander, Charles Cornwallis, said he was too ill to attend. On the American side, George Washington made an appropriate response by sending one of his generals, Benjamin Lincoln, to accept the surrender.

This story is well known, and the whole event is recorded on one of the spectacular American Bicentennial souvenir sheets (Scott No. 1686). What is not well known, however, is the identity and history of the British officer who replaced Cornwallis on that memorable day.

Strange as it may seem, this officer was selected as the subject on a 13 cent U.S. stamp (Scott No. 1686a) that is part of the souvenir sheet. Why is this strange? Well, here we have a valid U.S. postage stamp depicting a historical person about whom few people know any information.

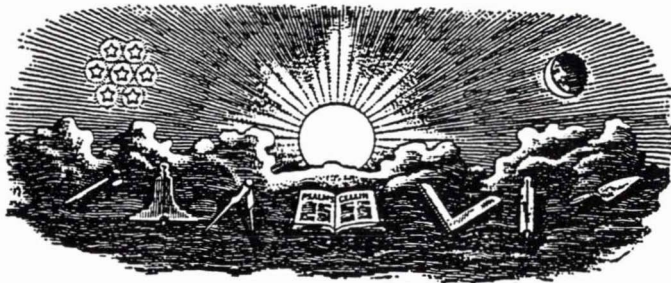
To set the record straight, the officer’s name was Charles O’Hara (1740-1802). When he was 26 years old, he entered the Coldstream Guards, England, of which his father, James O’Hara, was a colonel.

Charles was aide to Major General John Granby in 1759 and was himself promoted to quartermaster-general in Portugal in 1762. O'Hara commanded the troops in action at Goree in Senegal in 1766, and in 1781 served under General Cornwallis in America. O'Hara saw action in the Carolina campaign and was wounded at Guilford.

After the surrender at Yorktown, O'Hara was exchanged and became major general in 1782, and lieutenant general in 1783. Serving in France, at Toulon, in 1793, he was again wounded, captured and exchanged two years later. He became the governor of Gibraltar in 1795 and remained in that capacity until his death in 1802.

With regard to O'Hara's personal life, the history books say: "He was for some years engaged to marry Horace Walpole's young friend Mary Berry, who called him, 'the most perfect specimen of a soldier and courtier of the past age,' but apparently (she) decided not to marry perfection."

Was O'Hara a Freemason? This information has not come to light. We are reasonably sure his commanding officer, Charles Cornwallis, was a Mason, so it would not be surprising to learn of O'Hara's membership. Perhaps one of our British members would like to take up the challenge and do a little digging. Whatever the results, we now at least have an identity for the subject of Scott No. 1686a.



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July 5, 1996

The Masonic Philatelist
MSCNY, Collectors Club
22 East 35th Street
New York, NY 10016

DearDear Brother Bernard:

This year (1996) the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, will meet in its 150th Annual Conclave on September 16, 1996. To commemorate this event a special cachet and cancellation will be issued by the Grand Commandery. Copies of this cachet can be obtained from Cliff Stigger, 7601 Wesleyan Place, Louisville, KY 40242. The cost is \$2.00 each plus a SASE 310 envelope. Profits from this sale will go to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. If sending a check please make it payable to Cliff Stigger.

Also available are cachets commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery, No. 12, K.T., postmarked at Masonic Home, KY, and cachets of the Bicentennial of the State of Kentucky. If anyone desires these cachets, the price for both is \$3.00.

It is requested that this be published in the "The Philatelic Freemason".

Fraternally

Cliff Stigger

Southern California Research Lodge, F. & A. M.



"In the Forefront,
Approach the Light"

P. O. Box 6587, BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA 90622

Special notice

Just talked to publisher (7-18-96) of *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* and was told it is in stock and they are working overtime so all orders they have will be or should be shipped by Friday (7-19-96). This would put them in our hands the 29th.

Remember, publisher price is \$69.50 plus shipping - SCRL price is \$55.60 plus shipping (\$3.25 USA, \$7.00 foreign) and applicable sales tax or CA \$63.41, other USA \$58.85, foreign \$62.60.

THE PHILATELIC FREEMASON
Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association

59 Greenwood Road
Andover, MA 01810

June 27, 1996

Bernard Nathan, Secretary
Masonic Stamp Club of New York
22 East 35th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Bro. Nathan,

As a "Fellow Editor" of a Masonic Philately publication, I would like to ask if you could include the enclosed article in the next issue of "The Masonic Philatelist". I ran it in our May-June Newsletter but have had no response. I know you have a wider distribution than we do and would appreciate the favor. We undoubtedly have missed the June issue so it will have to be the September one - no problem, that is better than never.

Many thanks and let me know if I can perform any favors in return.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Domingue
Editor

MASONIC PHILATELY COLLECTION FOR SALE

Your Editor has in his possession a six volume collection of Masonic Philately which the owner has asked to be sold. The binders are 1" with slip cases for each. Most of the pages of the first five volumes are hand drawn such as shown here. The first four volumes contain Masons on stamps with a covering of many world-wide countries as well as strong in US. The fifth volume contains Masonic symbols on stamps. Volume six contains 52 Masonic Cacheted covers from the 1959-1965 era, including a complete set of Beltmann's.

The stamps contained in the first five volumes catalog a total of \$1227 using 1994 Scott catalogs; the covers can conservatively be priced as worth at least \$125. The owner wants to dispose of the entire collection as one package rather than break it up. He wants to recover his investment of \$600.00 for the entire lot. If you are interested, please contact the Editor for an itemized listing if you so desire.

Kerry E. Leggett
308 S. 16th Street
Ord, Nebraska 68862

2 August 1996

Allan Boudreau
One Washington Square Village
New York, NY 10012-1601

Dear Allan,

Seldom do I vacation, but toward the latter part of a recent week my wife and I took off on my Harley for a Harley Owners Group Rocky Mountain Rally in Denver, only about 400 miles from Ord.

Wanting to do some mountain riding (though neither of us had driven the mountains in anything other than a car) we left Denver early one morning and joined five other motorcycling friends from Nebraska for a ride I'll long remember.

Leaving Leadville (the highest town in the U.S., if the Chamber of Commerce is to be believed) we headed for Aspen via Independence Pass (12,050 ft. elevation). Before arriving at the continental divide, we pulled off for a few pictures of the enclosed.

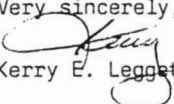
As I parked the bike and headed for a picture of the monument, my wife looked somewhat puzzled about my intent. "I've got to take a picture of this to send to Allan Boudreau!" I told her. The rest is self-explanatory.

No matter how far I wander from the office, friends and customers seem to follow me and be foremost in my mind. The minute I saw the Masonic symbol I thought of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and my good friend Allan.

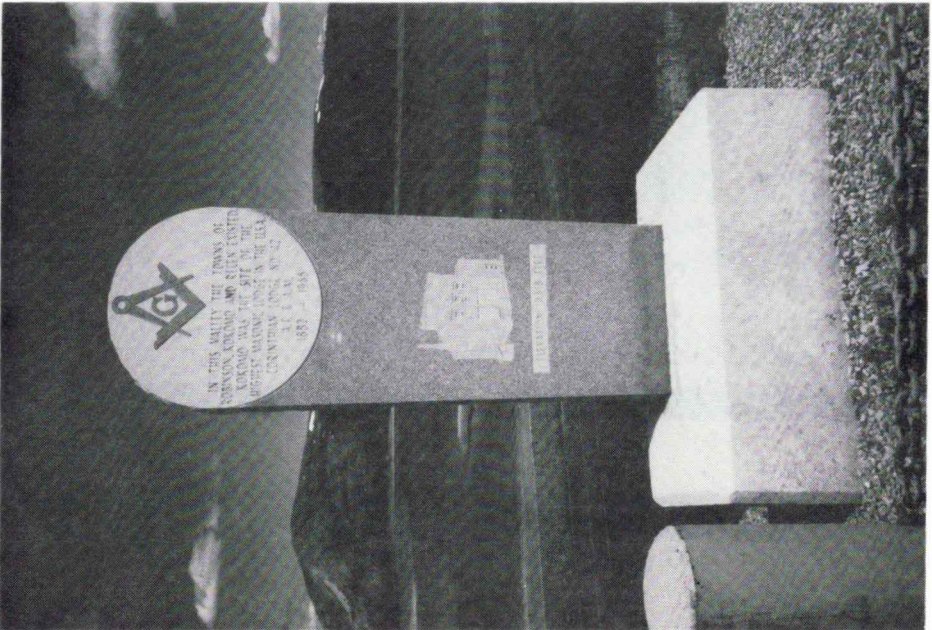
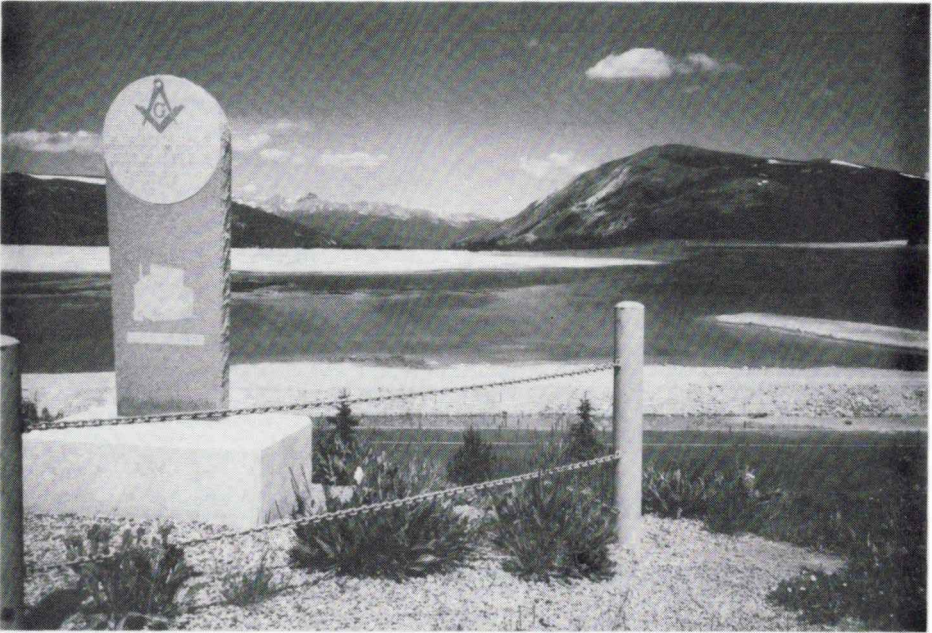
We rode the mountains for 16 hours that day, coming back over Independence Pass much to my wife's chagrin. She said once was enough, but the group we were with said you can ride the Interstate anytime but you can't ride those hairpin turns and look down 1,000 feet with no guard rails alongside you except in the mountains.

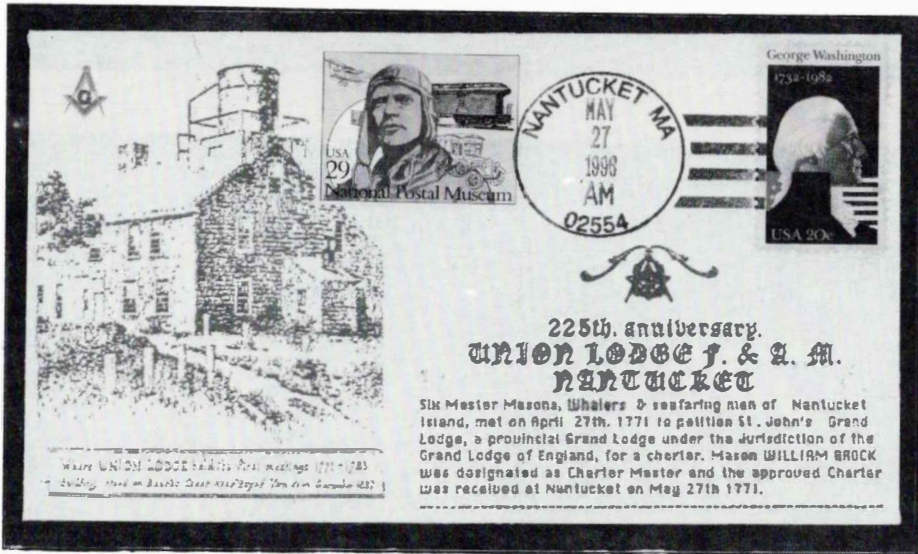
After putting a few quarters in the slots in the old mining town of Central City, we returned to Denver on dark mountain roads that night. Tired, but glad we'd made the trip, we were a couple of beat bikers by week's end when we returned to Ord.

The pictures are extras I had made to send so just chuck them when you're done. I thought them very interesting...and also thought the scene of the old molybdenum mines quite picturesque. Strains of "America The Beautiful" echoed through my mind many times as we rode.

Very sincerely,

Kerry E. Leggett

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May 13, 1996

TO: Editors of Masonic Publications

1997 ROSE PARADE MASONIC FLOAT

In our continuing effort to present the FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY to the public and generate interest in the fraternity, the Float Committee has again been authorized to enter a float in the 1997 ROSE PARADE.

The FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY floats have been receiving more attention in the last two Parades. Three live television interviews were held at the floats, the 1996 float (Humpty Dumpty) was featured as the selected float for the news lead on prime-time television and an Associated Press article identified this float as one of the four greatest crowd pleasers in the Parade.

The theme of the 1997 Parade is "LIFE'S SHINING MOMENTS". Our float will be titled "FOLLOW YOUR RAINBOW" and will feature a large rainbow stretching the entire length of the float from a storm cloud in the back to a pot of gold in the front. The float will recognize the 75th anniversary of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Amaranth. Details of the float design and the organizations celebrating these anniversaries are described in the enclosed flyer.

The pay-off from the float program is difficult to determine. However, its primary purpose is to expose the principles of Freemasonry and its organization to the public in a manner that will attract future members. We have continued to emphasize the charitable work of the fraternity, its role in shaping democracy, its history, the many organizations which comprise the Family of Freemasonry and its youth organizations.

The cost of the 1997 float is approximately \$90,000, and is covered by donations from Grand Lodges, Lodges, individual members, and concordant and appendant organizations throughout North America. Memorabilia and videotapes of previous floats are available for promotion and educational purposes.

The Rose Parade provides the most economical method of reaching a potential worldwide audience of more than 450 million people in 90 countries. We invite you to participate in this outstanding annual opportunity to make Freemasonry more visible in the community, to dispel the myths about Freemasonry and to attract good people to the FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY.

We would appreciate your assistance in publicizing the float and the need for financial contributions in one or more issues of your jurisdictional publications. Checks may be made payable to Rose Parade Masonic Float and mailed to Robert C. Coe, Committee Treasurer, P. O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA, 91066-1567.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stanley L. Channon, PGM
Chairman

Allen B. Gresham
Deputy Grand Master

ROSE PARADE MASONIC FLOAT VIDEOTAPES

The Rose Parade Masonic Float Committee of the Grand Lodge of California has produced a series of videotapes which document the construction and decoration of the floats and the television coverage as the floats moved along the Parade route. In addition, a brief description of some aspects of Freemasonry is included. Each video may be viewed by Masonic organizations and the general public as an informative and entertaining program to show how Freemasonry is organized and what it does for the community.

| FLOAT YEAR | TITLE | PRICE (incl. S&H) |
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| 1993 | <p style="text-align: center;">Masons in Music</p> <p>Shows three gazebos or band rotundas with three costumed groups of musicians playing different styles of music composed by Masons. (Run Time - 20 minutes)</p> | \$13.00 |
| 1994 | <p style="text-align: center;">Builders of Democracy</p> <p>Displays the working tools and the role of Freemasonry in establishing democratic societies around the world. Features George Washington with the Grand Master of Romania and the Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star. Also recognizes the 75th anniversary of DeMolay. (Run Time - 20 minutes)</p> | \$13.00 |
| 1995 | <p style="text-align: center;">Service through Sports</p> <p>Highlights the Shrine East-West Football Game as a fund raiser for Shrine Hospitals. Describes the structure of Freemasonry and Recognizes the 75th anniversary of Jobs' Daughters. (Run Time - 29 minutes)</p> | \$18.00 |
| 1996 | <p style="text-align: center;">We Support Youth</p> <p>Features Humpty Dumpty as the central figure, surrounded by children from the Masonic Home as representatives of all children helped by the FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY. Describes masonic charities. (Run Time - 21 minutes)</p> | \$18.00 |

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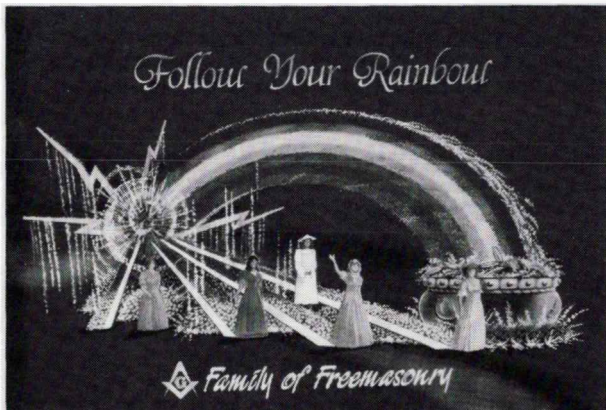
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"FOLLOW YOUR RAINBOW" INSPIRES 1997 FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY FLOAT



Rainbow Girls, Amaranth to be Honored in Parade
(rendering of float shown above) — Photo by Jim Paden

With the inspirational title of "Follow Your Rainbow," the Family of Freemasonry will again sponsor a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, it has been announced by Charles H. Alexander, Grand Master of Masons in California.

Honoring two Masonic organizations, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of Amaranth, the fraternity's colorful entry in the Jan. 1 event in Pasadena will be ablaze with flowers in a high-arching rainbow from stem to stern.

For Rainbow for Girls, the float observes their 75th anniversary, while Amaranth is singled out for its 100th birthday, according to Stanley Channon, the Masonic float committee chairman and himself a Past Grand Master.

"These two organizations are at the heart and soul of Freemasonry, so we feel it is very appropriate to honor them, particularly since they tie in so well with the parade theme," said Channon.

That theme, "Life's Shining Moments," will be depicted on the Masonic float with a full-color rainbow crowning a mass of storm clouds to represent a shining moment of nature.

From the rear of the entry, the rainbow will arch across a bed of thousands of flowers, culminating in a large pot of gold at the front.

The distinctive design by Phoenix Decorating Co. will produce rays of sunshine to penetrate the clouds and reach down to the base on each side of the 30-foot float.

And to accent the storm clouds, special effects will create lightning, thunder and

falling raindrops, appearing to emanate from beneath the rainbow.

"It should be one of our most exciting floats," said Channon.

While the abundance of live flowers, as required by Pasadena's Tournament of Roses organization, will create a panorama of color, the float will take on added beauty with the presence of eight young women from the Family of Freemasonry.

In fact, the Amaranth representative, dressed in cap and gown and standing in the center of the float, beneath the rainbow, depicts a shining moment in life — college graduation.

Amaranth provides scholarships to worthy students and also supports the Diabetes Foundation.

On the float the student will be holding a certificate of graduation from the University of California, which she will obtain with the aid of an Amaranth scholarship.

Surrounding the flower-bedecked entry as it moves down Colorado Blvd. to be viewed by an international television audience and more than one million spectators along the parade route will be seven members of the Order of Rainbow.

They will be dressed in pastel formals to complement the central theme of the float.

All told, nearly a half-billion people in 90 countries will watch the parade and receive favorable impressions of float sponsors.

"That, of course, is the major reason we continue to sponsor entries in this gala celebration of the new year. But, at the same time, we get a great deal of enjoyment ourselves as hundreds of our

Thousands of Flowers Will Create Colorful 1997 Float

No float in the 1997 Tournament of Roses parade will be more colorful than the entry produced by the Family of Freemasonry, predicts float committee chairman Stan Channon.

"What could be more colorful than a rainbow?," he questioned.

The rainbow, representing one of life's shining moments, will be created with a combination of red carnations, orange calengua, yellow mums, green belles of Ireland, blue iris and blue and purple statice.

The pot at the end of the rainbow will be decorated with yellow and gold roses, sesame seeds and rustic coloring, with the jewels around the pot consisting of fresh carnation petals.

Coincidentally, spilling out of the pot, will be made of straw flowers and sesame seed, while the entire float will be embellished with stringed flowers, including luneria and baby's breath.

Sun, storm and lightning will create a dramatic effect for the float as it travels through Pasadena. Sound effects will produce thunder, and simulated raindrops falling from the rainbow and the lightning burst will provide an interesting counterpoint for what is expected to be a sunny day in Southern California.

Finally, the rays of sunshine, breaking through the clouds on the beautiful float, will come to life through the use of various colored roses, red carnations and iris.

Masonic youth unite to decorate the float. And we feel a real sense of pride in creating visibility for this wonderful fraternity," added Channon.

Nearly three million Masons comprise the world's oldest and largest fraternity, with countless accordant bodies contributing more than \$1.5 million daily for charitable causes, particularly children.

Many of these organizations, including the Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, High Twelve and the two organizations honored on the float contribute to its sponsorship.

Rainbow for Girls has more than 25,000 members internationally, while Amaranth has in excess of 45,000 members worldwide.

Contributions Needed

Masons throughout the world are asked to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. You may do so by sending your donations to Robert C. Coe, treasurer of the float committee, at P.O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567. Merchandise order forms are available.

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