



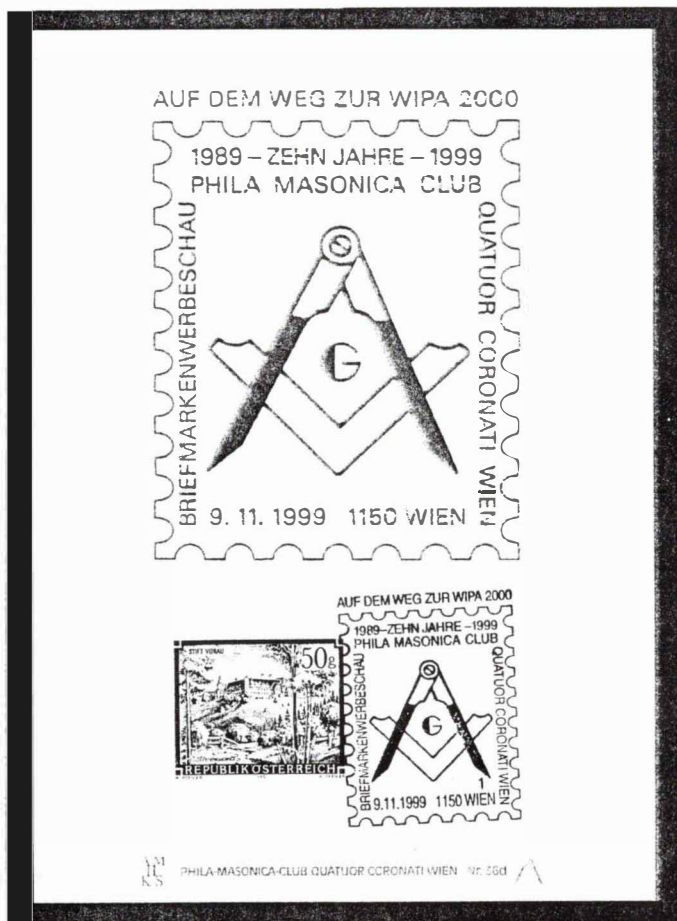
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved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

BROTHER MABELL'S MASONIC LEGACY

by

Christopher L. Murphy, BF



I am sure every stamp collector, regardless of his specialty, yearns to include a coveted “penny black” in his collection. This British issue, the world’s first adhesive postage stamp, went on sale on May 1, 1840. It became valid for postage on May 6 of that year. In used condition, the “penny black” is not an extremely rare stamp, however, it does demand a fairly good price and certainly a “second thought” at the stamp counter. How I came about to own one of these stamps is an amusing story. A few years ago, I was busily preparing for a lodge meeting. As with all lodge secretaries, I had many things to do before the gavel came down. I glanced up momentarily to see one of our very senior brethren, Brother Joseph Mabell, approaching my desk. He placed two large brown envelopes in front of me and quietly said, “Brother Murphy, I bought these at an auction many years ago. I am really not interested in stamps, but I know you are. I would like you to have them.” I opened the envelopes and found two well-provisioned Masonic stamp albums, one for the United States, the other for all other countries. I expressed my deepest thanks to Brother Mabell and eagerly looked forward to examining the collection when I arrived home. Sadly, I would never see Brother Mabell in lodge again. The albums themselves were designed and written by Br. Charles Oliver Clausen of San Francisco, California. They are inscribed and autographed by Bro. Clausen to Most Worshipful Brother S. Mather Jones, Christchurch, Hants, England, 1953. I first examined the U.S. album, as I specialize in U.S. and Canadian stamps. It would be some months before I would examine the foreign stamps. In the meantime, Brother Mabell passed on to the Grand Lodge Above. I thought about his gift as we held a moment of silence for him in lodge. The “penny black” illustrated was a pleasant surprise. It has three major Masonic connections: Queen Victoria herself was Royal Patroness of the Masonic Fraternity in the British Empire; the stamp lettering and background was engraved by Brother Jacob Perkins, St. Peter’s Lodge, Newburyport, Massachusetts; the cross symbols on each of the top corners of the stamp contain a point within a circle (Masonic symbol).

Another find, this time in the U.S. album, was what might be an authentic Carriers' stamp depicting Benjamin Franklin. This very special stamp was issued in 1851. According to Scott, Carriers' stamps were used to defray delivery to a post office on letters going to another post office, and for collection and delivery in the same city (local letters handled only by the carrier department). In all, 310,000 of this particular stamp were issued. New York was sent 250,000, New Orleans, 50,000 and Philadelphia 10,000. Philadelphia was the major consumer. Some experts doubt that those sent to New York were ever placed on sale. Nevertheless, It is certainly possible one stamp found its way over the England and eventually into the hands of Most Worshipful Brother Jones. Naturally he would place it in his Masonic album among all the other Franklin stamps (where I found it). For certain, it fitted in very nicely with a number of other well-preserved "Franklins" shown below. As a matter of fact, it was about two years before I researched the unusual Carriers' stamp. I naturally concentrated on the regular stamps first.



I am very grateful to Brother Mabell for his legacy, certainly a shining example of Masons thinking about other Masons.





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Dear Brother Boudreau,

I would greatly appreciate if you could inform the members of the M.S.C. of New York that we have a large selection of Masonic covers, stamps, sets of stamps available from all over the world.

Your members can send us their manco-lists or specific requests which will be rigorously taken care of and followed up.

In advance I thank you.

Fraternal Greetings

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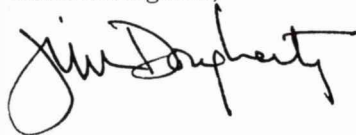
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Dear Bro. Allan:

Thought you might like a copy of my recent Scottish Rite, SJ biennial cachet. I have a very limited number available as the rest went as keepsakes to friends of the Supreme Council. Cost is \$12.50, postpaid.

Also enclosed is a flier I have circulated regarding cachets needed to complete my Texas Centennial collection. Next year the American First Day Cover Convention is in Houston and I hope to have a really great exhibit. Fellow cachet maker Julian Pugh is circulating a petition for a se-tenant of stamps acknowledging the American space program. Those wishing to join in the campaign to honor a proud era in our history may contact him at his e-mail address: pcachets@julianpugh.com.

Warmest regards,



The USPS Hat Stamp

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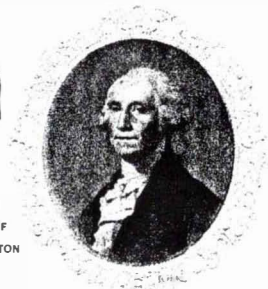
We hear a lot about the fact that the USA cannot depict fraternities on their stamps. However, I discovered one that is so close to being Masonic that I think a Mason (could have) designed it and another approved it. I am referring to the recently issued "H" stamp.

In this H stamp one can see lots of Masonic symbolism. From the American point of view, besides being patriotic it reminds Masons of the hat that the Master wears in the Lodge. The three stars remind us of the lesser lights while the three red vertical stripes in the hat of the three great lights. The two stripes remind is of the two pillars. The blue band on the hat is for the Craft Lodge and the red stripes for Royal Arch Masonry. The letter H could be the initial of the widow's son. There are also hidden symbols in this stamp. This stamp has the value of 33 cents; this could remind us of the number of degrees in the Scottish Rite. I just love this stamp.

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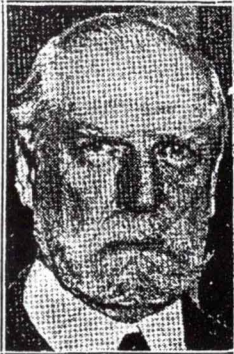
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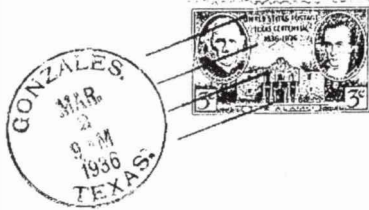
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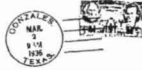
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Individuals pictured in black and white on letter-sized envelopes included President Franklin Roosevelt, V. Pres. Garner, state and national officials, including the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court as shown.



JUSTICE JOHN CLAY BRYAN



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Dr. Allen Boudreau
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September 29, 1999

Dear Brother Boudreau,


Enclosed please find a set of Masonic covers. They were made for the 187th Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S. A. which was held in Atlantic City, NJ on the following dates: September 26th, 27th and 28th. Each day a set of cancelled Masonic covers were prepared with a different hand stamp color; black on 26th, red on the 27th and blue on the 28th. Only 50 complete sets of 5 were made for each date. Cost for each set \$20-.

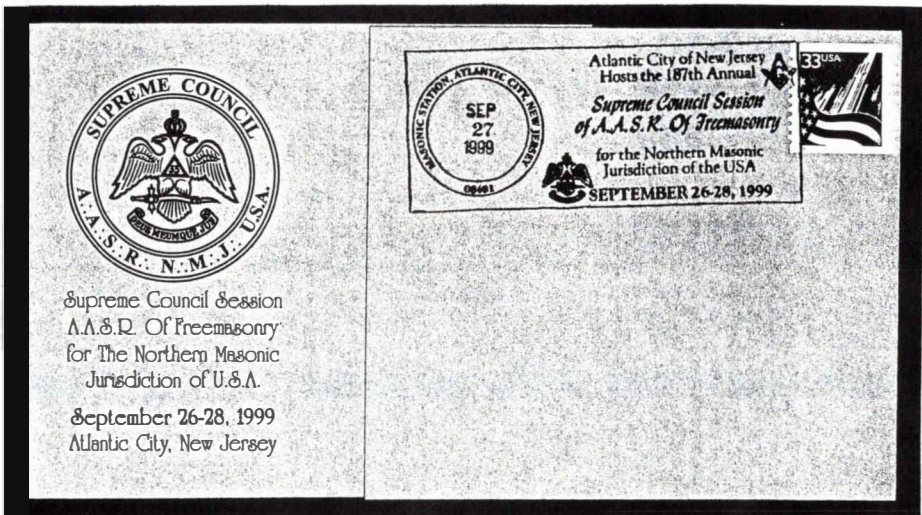
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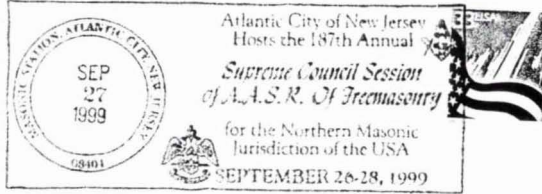
Order's for these sets may be made by sending them to my address below.

Thank You.

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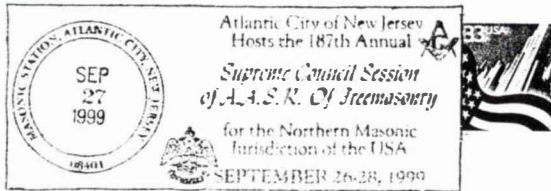
Fraternally,

Brother, Dick Mekenian





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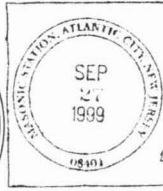
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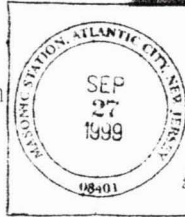
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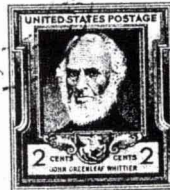
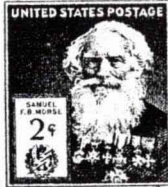
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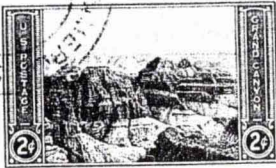
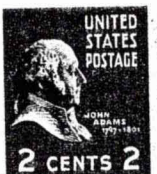
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Dear Brother Bernard,

First I thank you for your congratulation-letter for our 10. Anniversary.

Now the celebration is over und so I can give you our book „10 Years Phila Masonica Club“ (in 3 parts 1.) All our covers till 19. June 1999, 2.) Cancellation and special Freemasons cancellation from our Freemason-Museum and 3.) Austrians Freemasons by stamps. Book cost US\$ 9,00 + posting (sorry in German!!!).

Further our product No. 36a-36e, all with special Freemason cancellation for our festival, as gift for you with the request to annouce thie in your magazine (No. 36a-36d 2,50 US\$, one sheet 36e US\$ 4,00).

The shetts 36e contain 3 Freemasons stamp design (Bro. Asboth, Ebster and Straka) for 250 years Freemasons in Austria, but not execution to real stamps - unfortunately!!!

I thank you in advance,
yours sincerely and fraternally



Herbert Schmid
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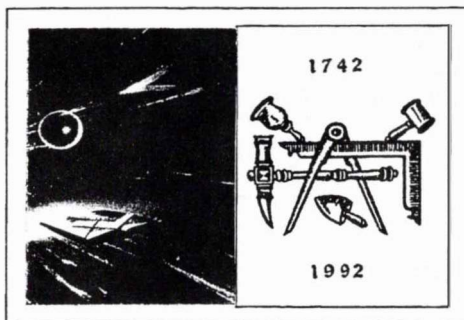


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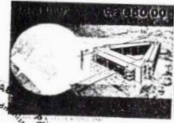
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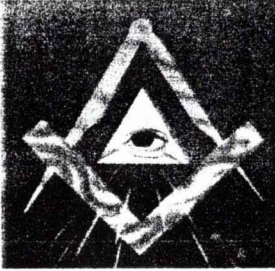
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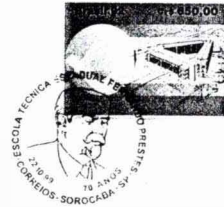
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