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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.

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American Topical Association Offers 101 New Stamp Checklists

By Dr. Allan Boudreau

It was reported in a recent issue of *Linn's Stamp News* that in 2003 the American Topical Association upgraded or added a total of 101 stamp checklists on a wide variety of topics for collectors.

The checklists range in scope and topic from a one-page checklist on the Battle of the Bulge to a new 48-page checklist of saints on stamps. The current listing of 423 subjects covers the full spectrum of topical collecting. Karen Carter, the new service director of checklists for the ATA said, as reported in *Linn's* "Anyone who is interested in getting into a topical area of philately should take a good look at the checklists that are now available. Many experienced collectors have put in a lot of time in creating these lists and have donated them to the American Topical Association to help other topicalists enjoy their hobby."

Among the newer lists are some that encompass the topicals listed as the most collected by members of the ATA. "Bananas" and "Botanical Gardens" fall within the most popular topic of 2003, "Plants on Stamps."

Lists for crocodiles, dinosaurs, donkeys, lizards, pigs, snakes, turtles, and wildlife conservation represent the second most popular topic, "Animals."

Sports, at number three, has new listings on golf, ice hockey, volleyball and windsurfing. The revised river rafting list represents the fourth most popular topic - "Watercraft and ships."

Rounding out the top five topics is "Birds on Stamps," for which new or revised checklists are now available on flamingoes, ostriches, the phoenix, and puffins.

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A free listing of all 423 checklists is available to any interested person who sends an addressed, stamped, Number 10 envelope (SASE) to the American Topical Association, Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-6057. Information on membership in the American Topical Association will accompany the listing of checklists.

The American Topical Association seeks additional lists or updates from collectors at large which brings me to the real purpose I have written up this item for *The Masonic Philatelist!*

Thanks to the ATA and the efforts of Christopher L. Murphy we have produced two ATA Handbooks of interest to Masons. ATA Handbook No 141 *Masonic Philately* and Handbook Number 145 *Masonic Government Issues to 2003*. Both are computer based so that copies can be printed as needed and corrections and updates made as they come to the attention of the author. Notices on these Handbooks appear in this issue of the Masonic Philatelist and we encourage our members to purchase copies from the American Topical Society.

Checklists are another story. To my knowledge there are no Masonic checklists available from the ATA. How can this be with the wide variety of Masonic topics collected?

Can we get together and produce some checklists under the Masonic banner for the American Topical Association? There are a number of checklists that can be produced under the Masonic topic; Masons on United States of America Stamps, Masons on Canadian Stamps, Masonic Symbols on Stamps, Masonic Buildings on Stamps, Masons on French Stamps, Masons on British Stamps, Masonic Cancellations, and more.

No doubt some of these Masonic Checklists already exist! Produced by our Masonic Club members! Please don't hide your light under a basket. Please let us hear from you if you have a Masonic Checklist that you are willing to donate to the American Topical Association. Contact us at aabnyc@juno.com

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Handbook Number 141

Masonic Philately

By Christopher L. Murphy, BF

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Dear Sirs,

I am interested in performing a census of the following Masonic cancels (and backstamps) that use Hebrew lettering in reference to God.

Putnam, CT USA

(Cole #ML-111, Hearst #315, Warmsley #362)



The Hebrew letters *yhw*

Dates of use as found in reference materials: October 17, 1884;
November 11, 1884; December 2, 1884

Oregon, PA or Ohio? USA

(Hearst #1695, Skinner/Eno #FR-M7 8)



The Hebrew letter *y*

Dates of use as found in reference materials: 1861

For further details on this topic, Edward L. Willard (1905-1973) wrote an excellent article in The Masonic Philatelist. (Reprinted September 1984)

Please provide:

- Which cancel (or backstamp) you are providing information on
- Date (if known)
- Which stamp? (eg. Scott #210)
- On or off cover?
- A photocopy or scan (would be very helpful)

Results will be made available for your publication. I do not have either in my collection. In addition, I am interested in obtaining any Masonic covers that use these symbols. Please contact me at my home address: **215 Orvilla Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440 USA**
Or by email: **treube@zdial.com**

Thank you,
Todd Reube

cc: Dr Allan Boudreau, The Masonic Philatelist
cc: Robert A. Domingue, The Philatelic Freemason



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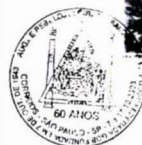
To
The Masonic Philatelist
22 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016
USA

Dear Brothers

It follows enclosure the last innovations of the Masonic philately of Brazil.
We reminded that the same ones are being correspondents for the change system, to
example of the previous remittances.
It follows 1 copy of the Supplement of the Masonic Catalog of Brazil 2003.

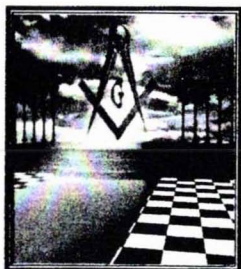
Sincerely and Fraternally

Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm
President



Clube Filatélico Maçônico do Brasil

Homenagem aos 60 Anos da Loja Simb. Rei Salomão Nº 1179
São Paulo - SP - Brasil - 07 de Outubro de 2003



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THE STANLEY CUP

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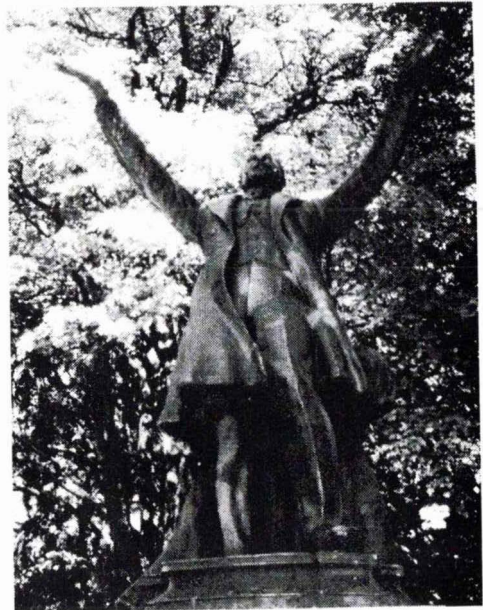
Christopher L. Murphy, BF

Each year millions of fans enjoy the the fast-action game of hockey for the coveted Stanley Cup. This prestigious award caps the season after the “best of the best” have battled for the winning goal.

The illustrated postage stamp (CDN Scott No. 1460) celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Stanley Cup which was named after Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley of Preston, (1841-1908). Stanley was governor-general of Canada (1888-93) and a member of Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16, London, England.

Stanley was a close friend of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada’s first prime minister, who was also a Freemason. A keen sportsman, Lord Stanley originated the Cup to encourage winter sports in Canada.

A monument honoring Lord Stanley and dedicating Stanley Park in Vancouver, British Columbia, graces the main entrance to this park. An inscription reads: **“TO THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PEOPLE OF ALL COLOURS CREEDS AND CUSTOMS FOR ALL TIME.”** The park itself is a legacy to the memory of yet another distinguished Freemason, Vancouver’s Mayor David Oppenheimer, who had the foresight to preserve this enormous tract of land for use as a park.



Brother Herman Herst, Jr. has sent along a photocopy of a one-dollar bill that collectors call a "Masonic Dollar." Careful examination of this one-dollar bill that was in circulation in the late 19th and early 20th century will reveal that all of the crew of Columbus are in Masonic positions in keeping with the Masonic ritual. There is even one kneeling.



Another very interesting item from Brother Herman Hearst, Jr. is this Clipper Card from the 1850's with the ship to Havana being given a Masonic name.



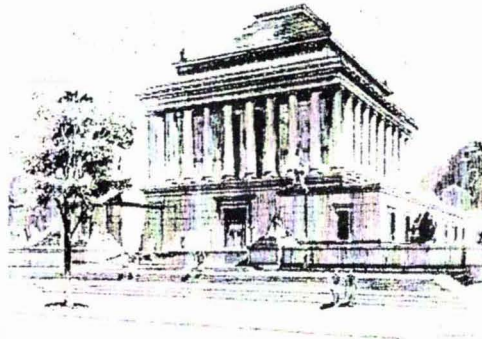
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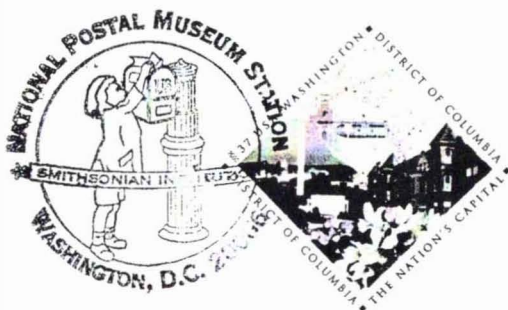
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THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Jules S. Tepper, PGM (DC)
Named Director of Hospital Visitation

The Masonic Service Association of North America is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jules S. Tepper, PGM (DC) as its new Director of the Hospital Visitation Program. Brother Tepper will join MSA on January 5th, 2004.

Jules S. Tepper is a native Washingtonian. He was born on February 3, 1937, and has lived in the Washington area all his life. In addition to his wife, Patricia, his family includes two sons, Ronald and Douglas, a daughter, Laura, and 6 grandchildren. Bro. Tepper is a veteran, having served both as a member of the Maryland National Guard during the Korean Conflict and also on active duty with the United States Navy from 1955-1959.



Following graduation from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in Business Administration and until his retirement, he operated his own business as a professional locksmith and also owned a window covering business.

He was raised a Master Mason, along with his two brothers, Burton and Stanley, on March 23, 1976 in Samuel Gompers Lodge No.45, where he subsequently served as Master in 1981. Bro. Tepper is a member of numerous lodges, including St. John's Lodge No. 34 in Baltimore, Maryland, (Past Master); Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195 in Rockville, Maryland (Past Master); William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge No. 7, Italia Lodge No. 2001, and the Pythagoras Lodge of Research (Past Master) in the District of Columbia; Andrew Jackson Lodge No.120, Alexandria, and the Civil War Lodge of Research in Virginia; India Lodge No. 551, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and the Lodge of the Holy Land, No. 50, in Israel.

He is a Scottish Rite Mason, S. J. Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, where he is a 33° (Honorary). Bro. Tepper is a member of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; and Adoniram-Zabud Council No. 2, Cryptic Masons in DC. He has been active in Almas Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Washington, DC.

Bro. Tepper belongs to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; the Fudda Nabi Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.; High Twelve Club; Heroes of '76 (National Sojourners); Order of the Eastern Star; the Past Masters Association of the District of Columbia; and holds the Legion of Honor from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

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WHY JOIN THE COLLECTORS CLUB?

HERE ARE
FOUR
GOOD
REASONS!

1

Philatelic Fellowship

The *regular meetings* at the Club place you among gatherings of enthusiastic collectors of all levels and interests. The Club sponsors *programs and lectures* during which outstanding collections are displayed and discussed in a friendly atmosphere.

There is also an *annual competitive exhibit*, limited to the membership, to encourage you to share your collecting interests with others.

The meeting rooms of the Club are used by many *specialist study groups* for their meetings, thus promoting association for the mutual exchange of ideas and information.

The annual Governors' party caps the year in a most festive and entertaining way.



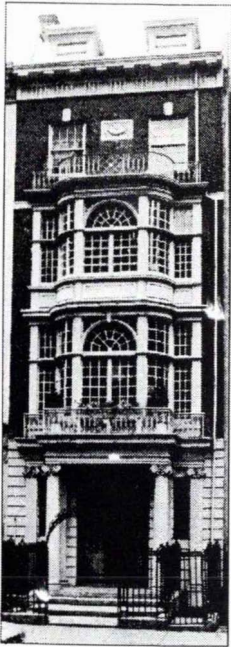
Postmaster Ben Franklin greets visitors in the foyer of The Collectors Club.

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A Philatelic Home in New York



The Collectors Club is located in an attractive

1901 landmark building designed by famed architect Stanford White.

It is in an accessible midtown location, and *you are invited to visit*, whether in connection with the regularly scheduled meetings, or just to relax in a comfortable chair in the library or members' lounge.

3

A Philatelic Resource



The Club houses one of the great *philatelic research libraries*. Whether it is the unique 1840s letterbook of New York Postmaster Robert Morris, or the latest specialist journal, tens of thousands of informative items are available to anyone desirous of learning more about almost any facet of the hobby, from the serious student to the merely curious.

This material treasure nicely complements the opportunities afforded you by the meetings, lectures and study groups, and promotes the best interests of philately through fellowship and scholarship.

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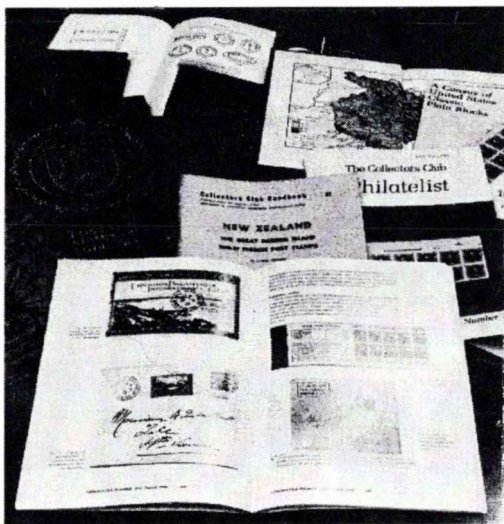
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4

Philatelic Publications

The Club's bi-monthly publication, *The Collectors Club Philatelist* contains articles and news from all over the world, and is recognized as a primary source of information by experts and novices alike. It is a major bonus of your membership.

The Club also sponsors philatelic research leading to publication of monographs, handbooks and scholarly texts of value to the hobby in general.

AND ONE BAD ONE

5

Sheer Vanity

The Club's membership has included the most respected and distinguished individuals in philately, and membership in the Club is a recognized cachet of *prominence and achievement*.

The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for service to philately is a medal of international significance, and the other medals and certificates of merit awarded by the Club are deemed to be among the most *prestigious* in philately.

In joining the Club, you place yourself among a dynamic group which emphasizes all that is best in the hobby.

 HOW TO JOIN
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A membership application will be sent to you upon request to the Executive Secretary or Membership Chairman of the Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016



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December 1, 2003

Dr. Allan Boudreau
1 Washington Square Village
New York NY 10012-1601

Dear Dr. Boudreau:

Behind every great renaissance are forward-thinking men and women who share the same vision. Over the past couple of years, the Board of Governors of The Collectors Club has shared a challenging vision – the rebirth of our historic Clubhouse in New York City. Through their diligent efforts the Clubhouse has undergone a remarkable renovation – restoring it so that future generations of collectors can enjoy the many memorable philatelic meetings, the incomparable research library, and the camaraderie shared virtually every day among club members.

To celebrate the renaissance of the Clubhouse, we have created a new brochure to encourage other collectors to join what is, unquestionably, the most respected and historic philatelic club in the world. We are pleased to enclose this new brochure for you, as a valued member, not only to enjoy, but also to share with a prospective member.

It took bold and progressive action to accomplish the rebirth our Clubhouse. And now it will take similarly bold and progressive action on the part of our membership to ensure that the future of our Club is protected. The renovation, as you can imagine, was expensive – in excess of \$1,000,000. While we have already received a number of generous gifts, we have yet to reach our goal to replace the funds spent from our treasury to complete the task. You, and other serious philatelists around the world, represent the future of our Club. So we ask for your help today. Your donation of \$50, \$500, \$5,000 or more will go a long way to ensure the financial health of the Club for the future. You are a member of an elite group: Virtually every important collector of the past one hundred years has been a member of the Collectors Club. With your help we can make sure that future collectors can become part of this enduring legacy.

Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed donation card to our Renaissance Fund and return it, along with your check or credit card information in the envelope provided. If you would like to personally discuss your potential donation or in-kind gift to the Club, please feel free to contact me (972-788-2100; email charles@shreves.com) or our Club President Stephen Reinhard (516-294-0923; email SR1501@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration and generous support.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Shreve
Chairman – Fund Raising Committee



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December 17, 2003

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York
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Gentlemen:

Our Board of Governors and membership gratefully acknowledge your organization's contribution, in December 2003, to the Collectors Club. Your generosity helps make possible the Club's many activities and promotes the cause of philately. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Reinhard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'S' and a distinct 'R'.

Stephen Reinhard
President

In compliance with federal tax law, we are required to state that no goods or services of substantial value were exchanged for your contribution, and that the full amount of your gift is eligible for a federal income tax charitable contribution deduction. This acknowledgement may be used for your tax records to substantiate your donation.

U.S. Philatelic Classics Society
New York Chapter

December 17, 2003

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York
22 East 35th Street
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Gentlemen:

We are pleased to invite you to a series of five evening presentations on Classic Pennsylvania Postal History.

The series begins in January, and will be held on the second Tuesday of each month (see complete schedule attached). Meetings will be at the New York Collectors Club (22 East 35th Street). You and your guests are welcome to join us for individual programs or for the entire series.

Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM and will conclude by 8:30 PM to allow commuters ample time for the trip home. The Collectors Club is a short walk (or five-minute bus ride) from Penn Station. If you need travel directions, or driving/parking information, call Harvey Mirsky at 212-662-8146.

Mark your calendar now for the second Tuesday of the month, starting in January, and enjoy a rare opportunity to survey Classic Postal History of Pennsylvania.

Philatelic Classics Society
New York Chapter

U.S. Philatelic Classics Society
New York Chapter

Pennsylvania Postal History Series

January 13: Philadelphia "Ship" Markings
Van Koppersmith

February 10: Unusual 1847 Usages from Pennsylvania
Harvey Mirsky

March 9: Erie Postal History
Tom Mazza

April 13: The Octagonal Postmarks of Philadelphia: 1834-1836
Norman Shachat

May 11: Franklin and Eagle Carriers Used in Philadelphia
Vernon Morris

- Meetings will be held at the Collectors Club of New York (22 East 35th Street);
- Visitors and their guests will be welcome at individual meetings, or for the entire series;
- Each presentation will begin at 7:30 PM and conclude by 8:30 PM to allow commuters ample time for the trip home;
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22 East 35th Street - New York, New York
Program & Calendar of Events
(Social Hour 5:00 PM)
(Exhibit Opens 6:00 PM - Meeting 6:30 PM)

December 3, 2003
One Frame Competition

December 10, 2004
Board of Governors Open House

January 14, 2003
Annual Meeting

January 21, 2004
The British Military in Egypt and the Sudan 1882-1900
Richard S. Wilson, Bedford Village, NY

February 4, 2004
Cleveland (to 1868)
Thomas F. Allen, Cleveland OH

February 18, 2004
Nauru: The German Colony Postal History, 1888-1914
Robert Stein, Kenmore, NY

March 3, 2004
Worldwide Varieties
Dr. Joseph Y. Rudnick, Clifton park NY

March 17, 2004
Cinderellas of the Nazi Legions
Dr. John J. Nunes, Glenville, NY

April 7, 2004
Masonic Government Issues; ATA Handbook No. 145
Dr. Allan Boudreau, New York, NY

April 21, 2004
Siam Royal Mail 1850-1905
Boonkrong Indhusophon, Bangkok, Thailand

May 5, 2004
Hale & Co. Independent Mail
Michael Gutman, Mashpee, MA

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May 19, 2004

Annual Awards Dinner - Lichtenstein Award

June 2, 2004

Cape of Good Hope Postal History; 1853-1866
Dr. Guy Dilaway, Weston, MA

June 16, 2004

Lincoln Vignettes on U.S. Postage, Essays, Proofs & Postal History
William J. Ainsworth, Roswell GA

****SUMMER RECESS****

September 8, 2004

U. S. Revenue Stamps
Michael J. Morrissey, Worthington, OH

September 22, 2004

British Central Africa, 1891-1907
Colin and Pamela Fraser, Woodstock, NY

October 6, 2004

The Chinese Presence in Tibet
Armand Singer, Morgantown, WV

October 20, 2004

The Sun Never Sets on the British Empire Group
The British Empire Study Group

November 3, 2004

New York World's Fair
Dr. Hansen

November 17, 2004

Confederate States Postmaster's Provisionals
Scott Trepel, New York

December 1, 2004

Airmails of Greece
Constantine V. Politis, Newton Square, PA

December 8, 2004

Governor's Open House

January 2005

Annual Meeting
The Best Philatelic Advice You Ever Received

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club

Annual Meeting and Conferral of Master of Philately
Sunday – February 22, 2004

George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Alexandria, Virginia – North Lodge Room

Arrive by noon for Building Tour

1:30 - 2:00 PM Assemble, Socialize&Review Covers
2:00 -4:30 PM..... Meeting & Master of Philately
4:30-4:45 PM..... Reassemble at nearby Restaurant
4:45 PM..... Annual Banquet (Ladies/Guests invited)

If you have not received the Master of Philately Degree from the GWMSC and are planning to attend, please make Degree Reservations in advance with

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For Membership application, see:
<http://GWMSC.tripod.com>

Membership applications received after August 2003 will be balloted upon in February 2004 and require a completed application, payment of the \$10.00 fee and evidence of membership in a recognized blue lodge (Photocopy of 2003 dues card or letter from Lodge Secretary on letterhead)

The 2004 Annual Meeting of GWMSC will be on Sunday, 22-February-2004!!! Plan now to attend! Someone will be quite busy, if we're able to get the actual GWMSC Washington's Birthday postmark on that Sunday, in time for the meeting!