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## ON THE COVER

The Great Seal of the United States will be featured on an embossed stamped envelope to be issued on June 15, in Washington, D.C.

The envelope, marking the 200th Anniversary of the adoption of the Great Seal in 1782, will be dedicated at the Department of State as the Secretary of State is the official custodian of the Great Seal, the design of which is also the coat of arms of the United States. It appears in several thousand official documents each year, including cabinet and ambassadorial appointments, treaties and other international agreements.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York will have an attractive first day cover available soon.

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## THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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**F**AMILIARITY has a blinding effect sometimes, and if we see something often enough, we don't see it at all. We overlook it; take it for granted. For instance, when was the last time that you looked at the symbols on a one-dollar bill and thought of what they stand for? On the back of the dollar bill you will notice two symbolic circles; one circle has an eagle, and the other has an uncompleted pyramid. Now, these two circles constitute the front and the back of the Great Seal of the United States. The familiar American eagle is the face of the Great Seal. The unfinished pyramid is the unfamiliar back of

the Great Seal, often referred to as the "Lesser Seal."

These two symbols and the numerical symbol of thirteen which is an integral part of both the eagle and the pyramid are very meaningful and beautiful. This number, thirteen, has played an important part in our great history. There were, of course, the Original Thirteen States and the signatures representing the Thirteen Original States affixed to that great document, the Declaration of Independence. There are also the thirteen stripes on the American flag with thirteen stars on the Bennington flag; the circle of thirteen stars on the Betsy Ross flag; and the thir-

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teen letters on the motto of the Rattlesnake flag: "Don't Tread On Me!" Later on, there were the thirteen stars in the Confederate flag.

If you look closely at the front side of the Great Seal, the side with the eagle, you will notice that there are thirteen stars surrounded by clouds in the crest above the head of the eagle. This is called the glory or constellation. On the breast of the eagle there are thirteen stripes on the shield, also known as the escutcheon; thirteen arrows in the eagle's left claw, known as the sinister side; thirteen fruit and thirteen leaves in the olive branch in the eagle's right claw, or dexter side; and, finally, there are thirteen letters in the Latin motto inscribed on the banner held in the eagle's beak: *E Pluribus Unum* which means "One Out of Many." The eagle itself, of course, represents the United States.

The wings of the eagle are not like the straight out and expanded wings of heraldry, but rather displayed upward as a rising eagle with a slight upturned head, denoting a rising and upcoming Nation. The escutcheon or shield, which is borne on the breast of the eagle without any means of support, denotes that the United States ought to rely on its own virtue and be self-supporting.

The shield is composed of a horizontal blue bar, known as a chief.

The vertical bars or stripes, six red and seven white, represent the several States all joined together in one solid, compact entity supporting the blue bar of chief which unites the whole and represents Congress. The *E Pluribus Unum* motto alludes to this union. The vertical stripes are kept closely united by the chief. The chief depends on the union of the stripes and the strength from it for support just as the United States depends on the union of the States in and through Congress.

The colors of the shield also have an emblematic significance. The white signifies purity and innocence; red means hardness and valor; and blue, the color of the chief, signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The olive branch and the arrows denote the power of peace and war, which is exclusively vested in Congress. If peace is not possible, the arrows represent our determination to defend our way of life. The constellation of the stars, or the glory above the eagle's head denotes a new state taking its place and rank among other sovereign powers.

Now let us take a look at the design on the reverse side of the Great Seal, the side with the pyramid. The pyramid is there because the pyramid is one of the strongest structures known to man, and it represents the democratic way, the

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strongest governmental structure. The pyramid has thirteen steps or thirteen layers of stone. The pyramid is left unfinished because there always is work to be done in a free world. In the zenith of the pyramid is the familiar All-Seeing Eye of Deity, in a triangle surrounded by a glory which stands for the fact that America stands under the All-Seeing Eye of divine protection. The motto above the pyramid, *Annu't Coeptis*, means: "He has prospered our undertaking." There are thirteen letters in this motto. The date carved on the base of the pyramid in Roman numerals, MDCCLXXVI, is the year of the Declaration of Independence, 1776. Underneath the pyramid is another motto, *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, meaning "The New Order of the Age." It signifies the beginning of the new American era, which was born on that grand and glorious date of July 4, 1776.

Another interpretation of the Great Seal, Masonic in nature, taken from *Masonry in Texas, Background, History and Influence to 1846* by James D. Carter, 33°, G. L. C., is as follows:

"Among those who helped design the Great Seal of the United States the following are known to have been Masons: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, William Churchill Houston, and William Barton. Whether they drew heavily upon Freemasonry in this work

it is impossible to assert but when an informed Mason examines the Great Seal here is what he sees: On the obverse is an eagle whose dexter wing has thirty-two feathers, the number of ordinary degrees in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The sinister wing has thirty-three feathers, the additional feather corresponding to the Thirty-third Degree of the same Rite conferred for outstanding Masonic service. The tail feathers number nine, the number of degrees in the Chapter, Council and Commandery of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Scottish Rite Masonry had its origin in France; the York Rite is sometimes called the American Rite; the eagle thus clothed represents the union of French and American Masons in the struggle for Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. The total number of feathers in the two wings is sixty-five which, by gematria, is the value of the Hebrew phrase *yam yawchod* (together in unity). This phrase appears in Psalm 133 as follows: 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,' and is used in the ritual of the first degree of Freemasonry. The glory above the eagle's head is divided into twenty-four equal parts and reminds the observer of the Mason's gauge which is also divided into twenty-four equal parts and is emblematic of the service he is obligated to perform. The five pointed stars re-

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mind him of the Masonic Blazing Star and the five points of fellowship. The arrangement of the stars in the constellation to form overlapping equilateral triangles and the Star of David calls to the Mason's mind King David's dream of building a Temple, to his God, the Companions who rebuilt a desecrated Temple, and the finding of the Word that was lost. The gold, silver, and azure colors represent the sun, moon, and Worshipful Master, the first that rules the day, the second, the night, and the third, the lodge. While silver, connected with the letter Gimel or G and being surrounded on an azure ground by a golden glory, reminds the Mason of the letter G, a most conspicuous furnishing of a proper lodge room. The shield on the eagle's breast affirms by its colors, valor (red), purity (white), and justice (blue), and reminds the Mason of the cardinal virtues. The value of these colors, by gematria, is 103, the value of the phrase *ehben ha-Adam* (the stone of Adam) and suggests the perfect ashlar, or squared stone, of Freemasonry. One hundred and three is also the value of the noun *bonaim*, a Rabbinical word signifying 'builders, Masons.' Thus, the national colors spell out, by gematria, the name of the fraternity. The scroll in the eagle's beak, bearing the words *E Pluribus Unum* (of many one) reminds him also of

the unity which has made brothers of many.

"On the reserve, is the All-Seeing Eye within a triangle surrounded by a golden glory. Besides the obvious Masonic significance of this design, it has a cabalistic value of seventy plus three plus two hundred, equaling two hundred and seventy-three which is the value of the phrase *ehben mosu habonim* (the stone which the builders refused) familiar to all Royal Arch Masons. It is also the value of the Hebrew proper noun *Hiram Abiff*, the architect of Solomon's Temple and the principal character of the legend used in the Master Mason degree. The triangle is isosceles, formed by two right triangles having sides of five, twelve, and thirteen units in length, illustrating the 47th Problem of Euclid. The triangle also represents the capstone of the unfinished pyramid and reminds the Mason of the immortality of the soul and that in eternity he will complete the capstone of his earthly labors according to the designs on the trestle-board of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The unfinished pyramid cannot fail to remind him of the unfinished condition of the Temple when tragedy struck down its Master architect.

"The blaze of glory found on either side of the Great Seal cannot fail to remind the Mason of the Great Light in Masonry which is

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the rule and guide to faith and practice and without which no Masonic lodge can exist. It reminds him that only more light can dispel the pall of ignorance in which he stumbles until he enters the Celestial Lodge where all light is given."

The Great Seal was established by a resolution of the Continental Congress on June 20, 1782; and, without any essential change in design, it has been in continuous use up to the present day.

The first document to which it is known to have been affixed was one dated September 16, 1782, granting full authority to General George Washington to arrange with the British for an exchange of prisoners of war.

Although the Great Seal had been in service since the year of

1782, it was not official until seven years later when on September 15, 1789, Congress passed a law declaring it to be the official seal of the United States. In the same year the Secretary of State appointed the custodian of the dies and press of the Great Seal. The custodian keeps the seal under lock and key when it is not in official use.

In the complex and beautiful symbolism of the Great Seal we see the strength and purpose of the United States carefully inscribed. We must not be blinded by familiarity, and, thereby, allow the lesson of the Great Seal to escape. As we see the mission and meaning of Masonry clearly embodied in Masonic symbols, so we can see the high destiny of America in the Great Seal of the United States.



**GREAT SEAL, 1902**



**GREAT SEAL,  
REVERSE**

## PRAYER — A CHECKLIST

By MARSHALL S. LOKE

Freemasonry always has advocated the use of prayer in its meetings as a proper tribute of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe. It is an indispensable obligation that a Lodge, Chapter, or any other masonic body should be opened and closed with prayer. Every candidate at his reception hears these words of advice: "Let no man enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the aid of Deity". When Washington needed help to sustain his personal morale in the darkest days of the American Revolution at Valley Forge, he knelt in the snow and talked to God.

It is suggested that the Valley Forge 1977 Christmas stamp depicting Washington in prayer be the beginning of a masonic sub-topic of Prayer on Stamps. Some other stamps that illustrate prayer are mentioned in the following list:

U.S.A.	May 26, 1928 #645	Washington at Valley Forge, praying
Philippines (under USA)	1935 #389	Prayer at Magellan's Landing
Great Britain	1964 #405	Henry V Praying at Agincourt
Australia (Xmas)	Nov 6, 1957 #306-7	Praying Child
Iraq	May 7, 1971 #602-3	Mohammed Praying in Mecca
Ireland	Sep 18, 1933 #88	Adoration of the Cross
Nigeria	Dec 10, 1963 #154	Kneeling at Altar (Freedom of Worship)
Norfolk Island	Oct 16, 1967 #115	John Adams' Prayer
Belgium	June 1941 #B284	Monk Praying
Comoro Island	Feb 27, 1969 #77 #78 #79	Msoila Prayer Rug & Praying Man Each stamp shows different prayer positions
Ecuador	1948 #511-3	Freedom of Worship
Haiti	Feb 28, 1959 #C140	Pope Pius XII Praying
Korea	1973 #855	Praying Family
Liechtenstein (1959-64)	1960 #343	Family Saying Grace
Poland	1958 #833	"Kneeling Figure"
Rhodes (Italy Aegean Is.)	1929 #19	Crusader Kneeling in Prayer
Rio Muni	Jul 12, 1963 #27-8	Praying Child
Romania	1941 #B169	Stephen the Great Kneeling in Prayer
Rwanda	June 1970 #349	Man at Prayer, Mauritania
Saar	1955 #B106	"Praying Hands" by Durer
Vatican	Oct 13, 1967 #457	Pope Paul VI Praying Before the Statue of Virgin of Fatima
Vatican	1966 #E18	"Pope Paul VI" by Enrico Manfrini



Bahamas	1973	#352	Virgin in Prayer
Canada	1966	451/452	Praying Hands
Canada	1978	768	Mere d'Youville praying
Christmas Island	1981	116	Children praying (S/S of 4)
Gambis	1981	418	Praying Madonna
Guyana	1971	148/149	"The Lord's Prayer" (child's drawing)
New Zealand	1962	368	Madonna in Prayer
Pakistan	1977	439	Sacred Halim offering prayer
Algeria	1975	560	Prayer Niche, Madersa Sidi
Austria	1978	1092	Family Saying Grace at Table
Austria	1981	1198	Kneeling Virgin
Belgium	1941	B288	Monk Praying
Brazil	1978	1489	Praying Hands
China, Peoples Repub.	1979	1469	Praying Woman
Ecuador	1971	C474	Blessed Anne at Prayer
France	1951	B264	Child at Prayer
Israel	1974	575	Soldier With Prayer Shawl
Israel	1979	724	Paper (Prayer for Peace) in crevice in Western Wall
Israel	1979	739	Praying at Western Wall
Japan	1977	1274/5	Praying Woman, 12th Century
Korea	1975	976	Praying Soldier, Incense Burner
Mali	1979	322	Boy Praying
Poland	1979	2338	Pope John Paul II, Cracow Cathedral
Sweden	1976	1198	Prayer to Virgin Mary
Togo	1979	1038	Moslems Praying
Togo	1979	1039	Catholic Priests
Togo	1979	C396	Natives Praying
Togo	1979	C397	Protestant Ministers
Uruguay	1973	871	Praying Hands



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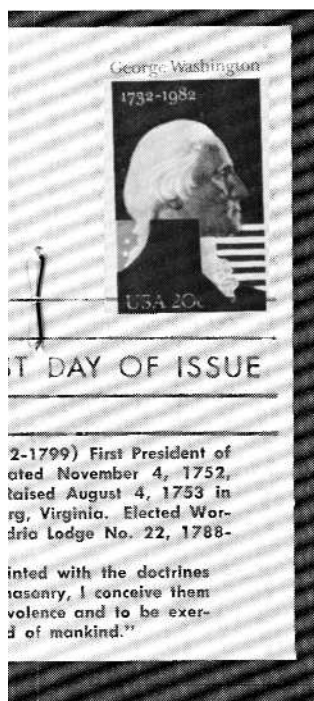
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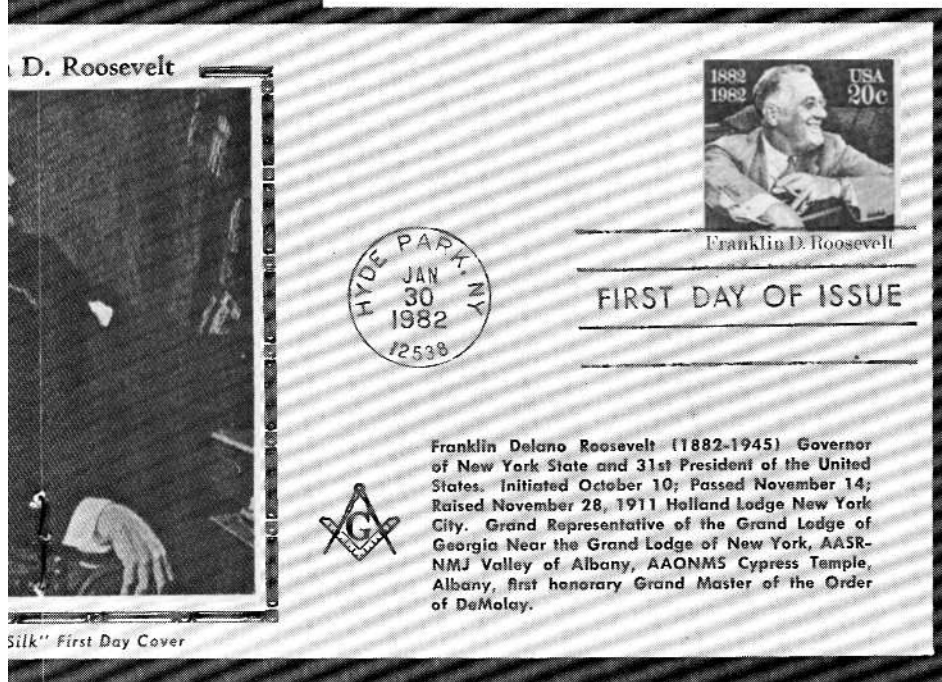


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## Masonic First Day Cover Set Honors Washington's 250th Birthday

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The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. sponsored a full-color



imprinted envelope reproducing the new U.S. postage stamp design, along with a photograph of a Houdon bust which may have provided the basis for the stamp design. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is featured on this cachet (the first sponsored by the Grand Encampment), and proceeds from sales will go to benefit this Templar philanthropy.

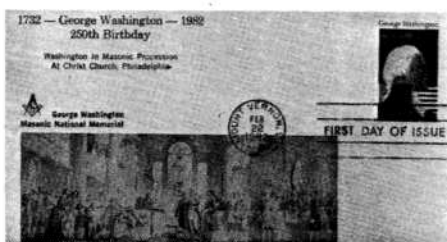
The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., has an imprinted envelope which reproduces a portion of the Allyn Cox portrait



of Washington laying the U.S. Capitol cornerstone in Masonic ceremony and clothed as Master of the Lodge. According to J. R. Allen, Vice-President of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club, the U.S. postal service has never depicted this event because it was done in Masonic

ceremony with Washington as President and Master. This is also the first known "First Day" cachet sponsored by the A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; proceeds will go to the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Two full-color imprinted envelopes are sponsored by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. These reproduce the 46' x 18' Allyn Cox murals of Washington clothed as a Freemason. (The murals were presented to the Masonic National Memorial by the Grand Lodge of California 25 years ago on February 22, 1957.)



The set of five envelopes shows George Washington as Freemason and President, laying the U.S. Capitol cornerstone, as a churchgoer, and as a family man, and may be ordered, while supplies last, from Sir Knight John R. Allen, Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260-6135.

(A sixth envelope with the Masonic Memorial postmark is available for another \$1.50 when purchased with the set, or \$2.00 when ordered individually.)

*In 1980, Sir Knight William H. Wise, MSG, USA Retired, a member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio, located a picture of a table, made of wood, inlaid with 174 Masonic emblems. The craftsman was his great uncle, William K. McCalmon who died in 1922. Based on the picture, Sir Knight Wise made his own "Masonic inlaid" table as he relates below:*

"Every time the Apron is presented to an Entered Apprentice and I hear, 'May it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!'" one name comes to mind — that of William K. McCalmon, who truly lived the life of a Mason.

"Brother McCalmon died April 21, 1922, at Orrville, Ohio, after a distinguished career in Lodge, York and Scottish Rites. He was involved in a number of civic endeavors and was in business as a 'pictorial fresco and decorative artist.'

"Born in 1840 in Wayne County, Ohio, he received his schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. He started painting and woodworking at the age of 20 in 1860.

"William McCalmon entered Freemasonry May 6, 1892, in Cedar Lodge No. 430, F. & A.M., Orrville. He was passed to Fellow Craft May 20 and Raised a Master Mason June 3, 1892. He went through Wooster Chapter No. 27, R.A.M., in August and September 1893, and entered Wooster Commandery No. 48, serving as Standard Bearer four times. He was also a member of Emeth Lodge of Perfection, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

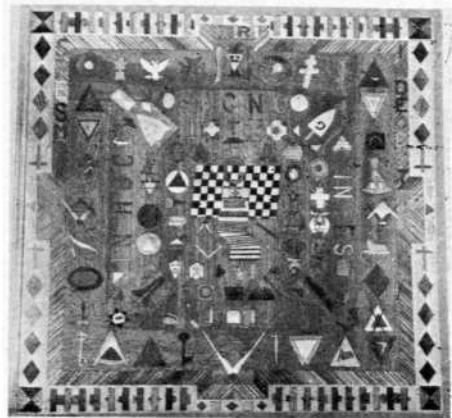
"Brother McCalmon not only seldom missed attending Lodge, he was always there with a helping hand. When it came time to paint and decorate the interior of the Masonic Temple in Wooster, Sir Knight McCalmon took it upon himself to complete the project.

"In January 1980, I found a picture of a table Sir Knight McCalmon had made for his daughter, circa 1915. The table

was inlaid with 3,062 pieces of wood, 96 kinds of wood, 174 Masonic emblems and took him 565 hours to complete. The workmanship was very detailed.

"I became so interested in the table, I wanted to see if I could inlay one in the same fashion. No one seems to know the whereabouts of this table or what size it was, so I only had the picture to go by. The table I built was the size of a card table, consisting of 63 different kinds of wood, 806 pieces of wood, 129 Masonic emblems, 186 signs and designs, and took 125 hours to complete. Brother McCalmon had mostly York Rite emblems on his table; I added some for Scottish Rite and Shrine, plus some words of my own.

"My table [below] has drawn many compliments from Brothers and Nobles in this area. I only wish I could locate Brother McCalmon's table to display it along side."



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## **Masons Exhibit at World's Fair**

Knoxville, Tennessee, "Gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains," will host the 1982 World's Fair (a.k.a. the "International Energy Exposition") from May 1 to October 31, 1982, and Tennessee Masons will participate with a special exhibit devoted to Masonic education and public relations on display at the Knoxville Scottish Rite Temple.

Sir Knight J. Castro Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee and Chairman of the World's Fair Committee and Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge, reports that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, F. & A.M., will be the sponsoring agent, with joint sponsorship being shared by the Grand York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Affiliated Masonic bodies, youth and women's organizations, will also be provided space to display and distribute materials.



The exhibit will include a First Day Cover Masonic Stamp Collection owned by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies (checked above by Dr. J. Castro Smith, left, and Sir Knight Fred W. McPeake) and a Masonic Tree Display showing all of the Masonic bodies and their relation to the Blue Lodge. Masonic events at the Scottish Rite Temple during the six-month Fair will include special degree work and presentation of an educational film.

Masonic visitors to the Fair are invited to view the display at the Temple at 612 16th Street, located just four blocks from the Fair area.



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Dear Doc:

Sorry to see the entirely fabricated Betsy Ross story given dignity in that cartoon in the M.P. I hope that you will at least set our readers correct and let them know it is hokum.

There is no evidence at all to indicate that George Washington ever heard of Betsy Ross. The entire tale was manufactured by a descendant a half century or more later. She did have an order for a flag from a group in Barrisburg which she made, but the design was established by law by the Continental Congress long before.

They do not even know where she lived except that it was on the street where the so-called Betsy Ross house is now. The house was turned down by the Federal Government, the State of Pennsykvabia and the city of Philadelphia, none of whom would recognize it as her house without any evidence. A private group bought it and made it into a museum.

The design of the flag was ordered by Congress, and records indicate the fact. The fiction about Washington visiting her is a good fairy tale but no more.

Some members might be interested in the enclosed. I believe that this is the first time ever that a doctorate was granted to a philatelist for philatelic writing.

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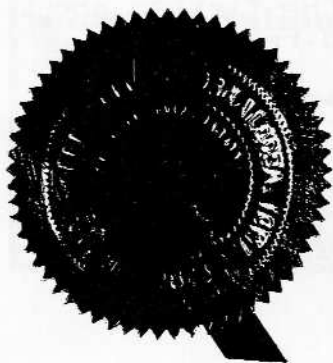
You are a native New Yorker, but were educated in Portland, Oregon, where your grandparents settled in 1852 shortly after that city was founded. You were graduated from Reed College in 1931, and then did graduate work at the Portland Extension of the University of Oregon.

You are recognized in many philatelic circles as the world's outstanding authority on United States postage stamps. You have worked diligently to make stamp collecting the most popular hobby in the world, and you have given freely of your time and expertise in talking and counseling with stamp clubs. You have written several books in your chosen field, one of which, Nassau Street, became a best seller.

You have won every philatelic award of distinction in the United States, including election to the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame, the prestigious John A. Luff Award, and the New Haven Award for Meritorious Philatelic Service.

You have been on the board of the Philatelic Traders' Society of London, and now serve on the board of the American Stamp Dealers' Association. You are a past president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, a past president of your local Kiwanis Club, and a Thirty-Second Degree Mason.

You have traveled world wide to advance your knowledge of philately, and have given generously of your resources to help young people develop an interest in stamp collecting and possible stamp dealing. You have been a regular newspaper columnist, and also have written extensively for every recognized philatelic journal in the United States.



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Yorktown Victory Monument cachet, commemorating the Masonic cornerstone-laying and including photograph of 1881 ceremonies. Stamped and postmarked October 18, 1981 with postmark from Yorktown. \$1.25 plus SASE from John Allen, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260

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Perfin cover. Senator Everett Dirksen stamp perforated with Masonic Emblem and first day postmark of Pekin, IL. Covers are \$2.00 each plus #10 SASE from Masonic Perfins, Box 654 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

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WANTED-Cachets featuring Masonic Youth Groups (Rainbow, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and/or Daughters of the Nile. Ray Walli, 207 Zion Way, Santa Ana, CA 92703

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