



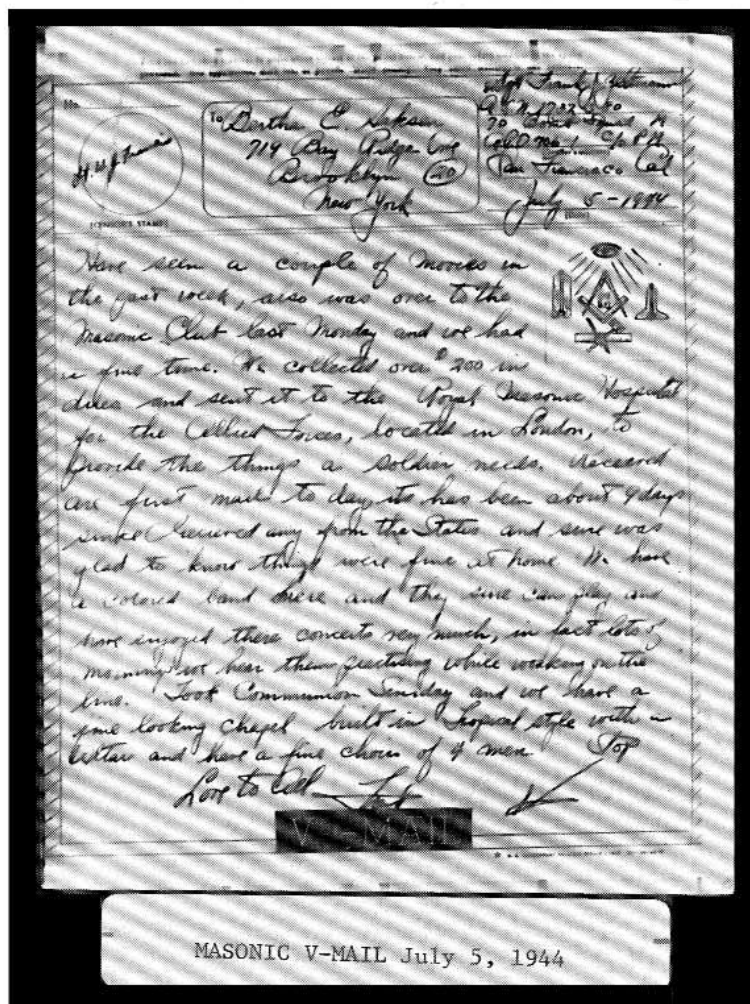
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ON THE COVER

A rare example of Masonic V-Mail sent from Sterling Island in the British Solomon Islands by Sgt. Frank J. Zeltman, one of the founding members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York to his sister in Brooklyn, New York on July 5, 1944.

The first V-Mail film was dispatched overseas from New York to London on June 22, 1942. It consisted of a partial roll of film on which there were only 212 individual letters. A complete roll of film contained 1,600 letters. Note the censor's approval in the upper left hand corner of the letter.

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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.

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Scheduled Meetings of MSCNY

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc. will meet on the following Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York, NY 10016

October 13, 1982

Annual Dinner October 22, 1982

November 10, 1982

December 8, 1982

January 12, 1983

February 9, 1983

March 9, 1983

April 13, 1983

***May Meeting (see below)**

June 8, 1983

The Master of Philately Degree will be conferred, on members applying for it, at the May 4, 1983 meeting which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the French Ionic Room on the 10th floor of 46 West 24th Street, New York, NY. There will be no May meeting at the Collectors Club.

Please mark your calendars NOW as we do not plan to send individual meeting notices due to postage rates, expenses and extra handling.

MASONIC POSTAGE METER SLOGANS

By George H. Wettach

Collectible Masonic covers include those bearing postage meter slogans or designs of Masonic significance. Over the years many have been used by different Masonic bodies. The most prolific user has been the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America based in Chicago. Masonic Grand Lodges both in the U.S. and abroad have also been users of postage meter slogans. Some of their many meter slogans are illustrated. Also both a postmark and a postage meter imprint without slogan from Masonic Home, Kentucky which has its own ZIP code of 40041. That is a permanent post office and therefore differs from the special temporary Masonic post offices that have been established for various special occasions from time to time.

The writer was instrumental in getting a postage meter slogan for use on covers commemorating the centennial of his Lodge, Fidelity No. 113, Ridgewood, New Jersey. His experiences both before and after the event are a story in themselves.

Postage meter slogans have incorporated the Masonic emblem in the design or that of the Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons Scottish Rite, Shrine or Grand Lodge coats of arms. Many have only words of Masonic significance. All should be considered collectible in a Masonic cover collection.

Listed below are many of the Knight Templar meter slogans, some of which are illustrated here.

An American Heritage - Knights Templar United States of America
Annual Campaign - The Difference Between Night and Day - K.T. Eye Foundation
A youth service - Knights Templar Educational Foundation
Building York Rite (with design of bricks, trowel and plumb line)
For The Record - The Knight Templar Magazine
For Unto Us a Child is Born (with picture of three wise men)
From Knights Templar a Joyous Christmas (two types of letters)
From the World of Templary Christmas Joy to All (plus K.T. emblem)
Give Sight! Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Happy Holidays from Knights Templar
"Let There Be Light" Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (emblem)
Modern Crusaders Order of Templary
Nations Easter Sunrises Service at Arlington
On the March - Templary and the York Rite
Pride in Membership - Knights Templar
Share Easter with Templary at Arlington
Since 1816 The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.
Templar Giving is the Gift of Sight - K.T. Eye Foundation
Templars Celebrate the Birthday of our Nation
Templars Give Thanks
Templars Salute the Birthday of George Washington
Templary Salutes a Wakening Year
Think Membership - Knights Templar U.S.A.
Triennial Time August 11-16, 1979 Indianapolis

Postage meter slogans are reasonable in cost and their use has a widespread impact. Many people, besides the addressee, see the message. The designs or wording can be simple or ornate. They can make an interesting adjunct to a Masonic cover collection.

Many thanks are due Brother Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of the Knights Templar for his cooperation in the preparation of this article. Thanks also to the Postmaster, Masonic Home, KY 40041.

Additions or comments from readers are welcomed. Please send to George H. Wettach, P.O. Box 261, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

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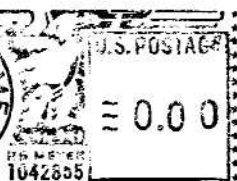
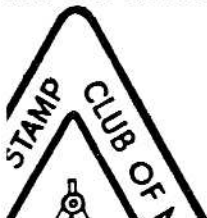
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71 West 23. Street

New York, N.Y. 100 10
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Dear Brother Walker,

special events call for special procedures, and we,
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during that day.

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Dear Brother Walker, I am sure there are stamp
collecting Brethren under your jurisdiction who are inter-
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a helping hand in spreading the news among the Brethren of
your jurisdiction.

Sincere and fraternal regards from Flensburg
i.d.u.h.Z.

(Gerhard Irrittje)
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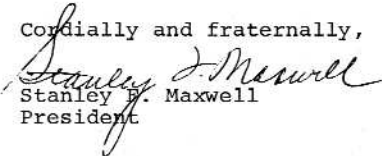
Dr. Allan Boudreau
Masonic Stamp Club of New York
22 East 35th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Brother Boudreau:

I am certainly grateful to you for sending me the March issue of the Masonic Philatelist. The cover is delightful, and we are very pleased that your organization is helping to promote the Fiftieth Anniversary of our only national Masonic memorial.

I was obviously pleased to see the item on page 16, and particularly the George Washington exhibit notice on page 18; an outstanding job has been done for the benefit of this 250th Anniversary of the birth of Washington. With all good wishes,

Cordially and fraternally,


Stanley F. Maxwell
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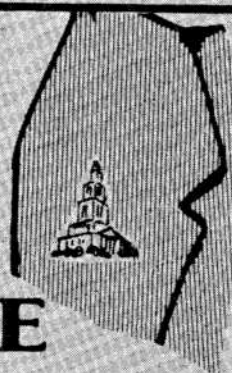
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Two Ways To Masonically Collect U.S. Revenue Stamps

By George H. Wettach

Of the thirty-four persons portrayed on U.S. Revenue Stamps, the following twelve are known to be Masons. (Thirteen if you include Alexander Hamilton.)

George M. Bibb
George W. Campbell
DeWitt Clinton
Howell Cobb
William J. Duane
James Guthrie
Samuel D. Ingham
James Madison
John Marshall
Louis McLane
George Washington
Oliver Wolcott, Jr.

The above group can be included in your "Masons on Stamps" collection.

Another form of collecting is that of documents and checks of Masonic significance bearing any of the many revenue stamps issued during and after the Civil War. Illustrated here are withdrawal orders of Masonic Lodges, each bearing the required revenue stamp. The orders are of additional interest as they are autographed by some of the former Lodge officers and show the Lodge seal.

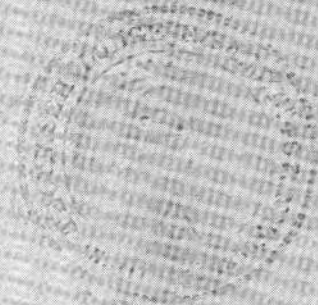
New York May 11th 1873.

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To the Merchants Clerks Savings
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Please pay to the order of Trustees
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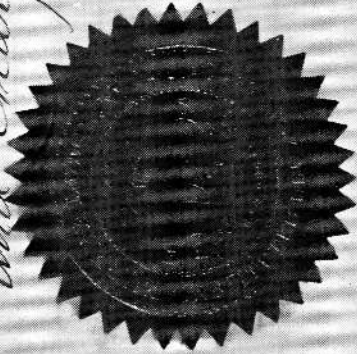
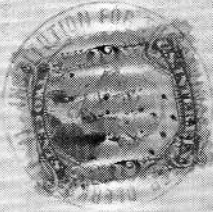
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\$ 300.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

New York May 1st 1893

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Gen. W. D. Wicks
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Sam. Mayers
Secty

Hiram Abiff Boaz

by

Hazen Hett

Star in the East Lodge - Exeter, New Hampshire

This is the account of how I discovered the existence of a well known member of the Craft with an unbelievable name. It began on a very hot, sultry day in the summer of 1938. I went into a book store as much for the air conditioning as to browse. While so engaged I noticed a small book written by H. A. Boaz whom the title page described as "One of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" That meant that he would probably be listed in "Who's Who in America." I bought the book in the hope that the initials H. A. stood for what I imagined.

The entry that I found in the 1938 edition of "Who's Who in America" was; BOAZ, HIRAM ABIFF. He was born in Murray, Kentucky on December 18, 1866 and was the son of Peter Maddox and Louise Ann (Ryan) Boaz. His education included two years at Sam Houston State Normal School, Huntsville, Texas. He earned the degrees of B.S. and M.A. at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Later (1915-17) he did postgraduate work at Columbia. Kentucky Wesleyan College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon him in 1906. He was honored by the conferral of the Doctor of Laws degree (LLD) by Centenary College in 1926, by Southwestern University in 1935, and Southern Methodist University in 1938. He married Carrie Odalie Browne in October 1894 and they had three children -- all girls. My curiosity as to what name he would have given a son remains unsatisfied.

He was licensed to preach in 1889 and ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1891. He served as pastor of the Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, Texas 1894-97; the First Church, Abilene, Texas 1897-99; The First Church, Dublin, Texas 1899-1902.

In 1902 he became president of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas and in 1911, he became vice-president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. From 1913-1918 he served as president of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, Texas. He was secretary of the Church Extension Board (Methodist Episcopal Church, South) from 1918 to 1920 and in 1920 returned to Southern Methodist University as president. While serving in the latter capacity he was a member of the Methodist Ecumenical Conference held in London in 1921.

In 1922 he was elected to the office of Bishop of the MEC, S. and assigned to superintend church work in China, Japan, Siberia and Manchuria. He was in charge of conferences of the MEC, S of Arkansas and Alabama in 1926-30; of Texas, North Texas, and North West Texas 1930-34; of West Texas, Central Texas, North West Texas, New Mexico, and Texas Mexican Conference 1934-38. He retired at the age of 72 in 1938.

Brother Bishop Boaz was evidently a gregarious man because, in addition to his Masonic memberships, York Rite-Scottish Rite-Shrine, he was also a member of Kappa Alpha, Theta Phi, the Virginia Society of Colonial Wars, The Dallas Country Club, and the River Crest of Fort Worth.

His publications included, "Fundamentals of Success," "The Essentials of an Effective Ministry," "Thomas Boaz Family in America," and in 1951, "Eighty Four Golden Years;An Autobiography."

In an Introductory Word written by George W. Truett, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas for "The Essentials of an Effective Ministry" Bishop Boaz was described as "one of the most honored and useful leaders, not only in his own powerful denomination of Southern Methodists, but who is likewise gratefully hailed by the religious forces of the whole country as one of the most valiant and efficient leaders."

Now about the small book that set off this inquiry. I took it to the library of the Grand Lodge F & A M in New York City where M.'W.'.Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and honorary Past Grand Master was then librarian. After some discussion it was decided to ask Brother Boaz to autograph the book for the Grand Lodge Library.

The book was mailed to Brother Boaz and returned in short order with the following written on the fly leaf:

Board of General Activities
Grand Lodge of New York F&AM
It is a genuine pleasure to
autograph for your library
a copy of my last published book
With all good wishes, I am
Yours fraternally,
Hiram Abiff Boaz
Fort Worth, Texas
November 28, 1938

Brother Boaz was a member of Granger Lodge No. 677, Granger, Texas. His retirement years were used for writing and Masonic activity because it is noted in "10,000 Famous Freemasons" that he was active in York Rite Masonry and a noted speaker.

The Ancient&Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction coroneted him a 33° Inspector General, Honorary. He served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1953 when he was 87 years of age. R.'W.'. and Ill.' Brother Bishop Hiram Abiff Boaz 33° died January 2, 1962 in his 96th year. His last resting place is Hillcrest Mausoleum, Dallas, Texas.

Reader Exchange

As a service to Club members, the Bulletin Board posts notices of activities and offerings by the members of the Club. There is no charge for this service at this time but this might change in the future. The decision of the editor is final in regard to all matters.

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society
Gustav Drejen, Jr. President
154 Laguna Court
St. Augustine Shores, Florida 32084

President Roosevelt was the nation's best known stamp collector. Yet when
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** IN **
** MEMORIAM **



DEAR BROTHER:

THE OFFICERS OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC
STAMP CLUB ARE GRIEVED TO
INFORM YOU OF THE SUDDEN
DEATH OF OUR DEVOTED
TREASURER, COVER CHAIRMAN,
AND PAST PRESIDENT

BROTHER JOHN N. HOFFMAN

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982.

Fraternally in sorrow,

M. L. Naefzinger
M. L. Naefzinger, M.D.,
Secretary

NEWS RELEASE

CACHETS HONOR WASHINGTON'S MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES
DURING 250th BIRTHDAY YEAR

NEWS

The anniversaries of George Washington's Masonic degrees are being honored during his 250th Birthday year by a series of three pictorial postmarks and three cacheted envelopes sponsored by Fredericksburg Lodge where Washington became a Freemason in 1752.

The postmark pictures George Washington clothed as a Freemason. Similar postmark designs will be used on March 3 (Fellowcraft), August 4 (Master), and November 4 (Entered Apprentice). The postmarks were proposed by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, George Washington 250th Birthday Committee.

A Fredericksburg Lodge sponsored design imprinted (cacheted) envelope with the special postmark will be available for each date and will be shipped separately. The envelope design for each of the three dates will be different. These cacheted envelopes may be ordered for:

\$2.00 each postpaid;
\$1.75 each plus self-addressed, stamped envelope (S.A.S.E.); or
\$5.50 per set of 3 different cachets and dates postpaid.

Official Fredericksburg Lodge-Washington Masonic Anniversaries cachet orders should be addressed to:

J. R. Allen
Box 26135
Richmond, Virginia 23260

Allow 30-45 days for delivery. Those ordering complete sets before the March 3, 1982, cachet is sold out will be assured of receiving all three different cachets in this set.

Thursday, November 4th, 1982

*The 250th Anniversary of the year of the birth of
Illustrious Brother George Washington
The 230th Masonic Birthday*

The Post Office will have a special Masonic postmark at a temporary postal station from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. at Fredericksburg Lodge, Washington's Mother Lodge (entrance from Hanover Street). Special Masonic cacheted envelopes sponsored by the Lodge will be available there, or by mail. George Washington Masonic Stamp Club will meet at 1:30 PM at New Lodge Room.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M., will meet in the Old Lodge Room at 2:30 P.M. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be received. The Communication will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes after which the lodge will be closed.

At 3:30 P.M. the Grand Lodge of Virginia will convene in the New Lodge Room. This Called Communication of Grand Lodge will include the reception of distinguished guests. There will be a short program and Grand Lodge will be closed in ample time for the rest of the festivities planned.

Dinner...6:30 P.M. ...Buffet...in Secobeck Dining Hall at the Mary Washington College. Dinner is for Masons and their families. Cost is \$10 per person and the dinner ticket includes a reserved seat for the play which will follow the meal. There are limited dining room arrangements which will permit less than 200 persons. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! First come...first served! Send your check for the play (\$3.50), or dinner and play (\$10), to Grand Secretary, Box 27435, Richmond, Virginia, 23261. The dinner will likely be sold out in advance.

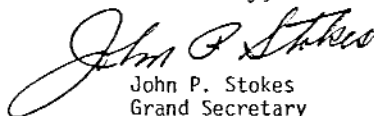
Curtain Time...8:00 P.M. ...Play...depicting an episode between General Washington and Benedict Arnold during the revolution...presented by the Scottish Rite Players of Alexandria Valley. There are three Acts in the Play. Between the acts...music...and possibly a special presentation.

Dodd Auditorium in the George Washington Hall at Mary Washington College will seat about 1,300. Tickets for the play will be available at \$3.50. Admission will be open to the public.

Special memorabilia will be on display, including the gavel used by George Washington as Master of Alexandria Lodge, the "trowell" used to lay the U.S. Capitol cornerstone, the Bible upon which Washington took his Masonic obligations, and the minute book recording Washington's initiation 230 years ago.

We hope that you will plan to support these events. If you have questions, please let us know. Most Worshipful Brother Cann has tickets and our office has a supply for those of you who wish to reserve dinner and a seat for the play.

Fraternally,


John P. Stokes
Grand Secretary

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC. 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.

Membership is open to all Master Masons throughout the World who are in good standing in a Lodge and Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York. The dues of \$7.00 per year include subscription to the MASONIC PHILATELIST, which is published by the club.

All members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York are eligible to receive the Degree of MASTER OF PHILATELY. This degree, which is not an official Masonic degree, is worked one or two times a year.

Address all inquiries and Applications for membership to: Membership Committee with remittance of \$8.00 which includes the Initiation fee of \$1.00 and \$7.00 for the first year's dues. The application blank below may be used. Detach it and fill it in completely. Outside the U.S. and Canada add \$4.00 for postage.

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Name
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Name of Lodge No. Location.....

Other Affiliations.....

Stamp Activities

Proposed By

Date..... Applicant's Signature.....

IMPORTANT: To avoid delay in passing on the application, please include satisfactory proof of membership in your lodge, such as a letter from the Secretary of the Lodge, or a photostat of your current dues card.