



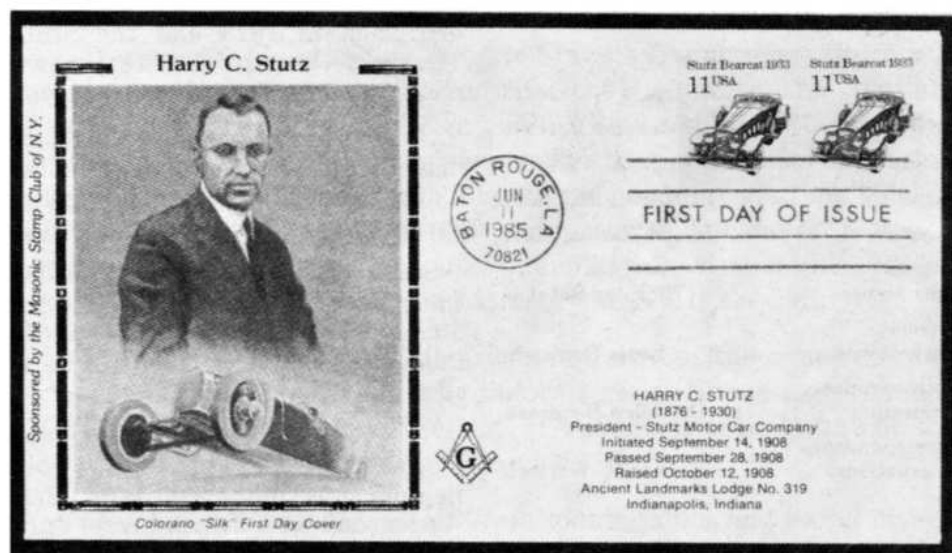
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ON THE COVER

Harry Clayton Stutz was born in Ansonia, Ohio on September 12, 1876. He worked for the Davis Sewing Machine Company and the National Cash Register Company before constructing his first "horseless carriage" in 1898. By 1911 the Ideal Motor Car Company was organized to manufacture the Stutz car. The Stutz Motor Car Company was organized in 1913 and the Stutz "Bearcat" became the best known name in the automotive industry.

On Thursday, June 26, 1930 Stutz died in Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana after undergoing surgery for a burst appendix.

Stuts was initiated in Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 319, Indianapolis on September 14, 1908, Passed September 28, 1908 and Raised on October 12, 1908.

Regular meetings, 2:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday each month except July and August at:

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To The Masonic Philatelic Club

(Impressions of an English Brother's experiences in New York City reprinted from the Masonic Philatelic Club published in London, January 1986.)

One Wednesday this summer I found myself in the center of Manhattan at 9 o'clock in the morning with the whole day to spare as my plane back to London was not leaving Kennedy Airport until 8:30 p.m.

I was actually standing outside Macy's Department Store and saw the notice on the door stating that they would not be open until 10:00 a.m. What to do with myself? All of a sudden the thought came to me that I might take a slow walk about ten blocks south and call at the Masonic Hall where I could perhaps spend some time in their museum if they had one! I had previously been to a Lodge meeting there some ten years ago but it had been at night and the liquid had been flowing and the memory was a little dim.

So off I set and although I was not sure of the exact number in W 23rd Street it was not long before I came across an enormous open space car park with MASONIC HALL in gigantic letters on the wall of the gigantic building adjacent to it.

I entered the rather insignificant looking door and found myself in a marble corridor. (If this all sounds a little like a ritual remember that I have been a Preceptor for some twenty years.)

On the left was a door marked Grand Lodge Sales but although I could see various people working away inside I was unable to enter because the door was locked. Just at that moment a gentleman appeared out of another door who looked like me might be able to assist me in my undertaking. "Excuse me," I said "My name is Tony Field and I am a visitor from England and I wondered if I could possibly look around". A benevolent smile appeared on the face of my gentleman. "You have come to the right person, Brother. Give me a moment or two and I will look after you".

He opened the door of the Sales Office and let me in. I was quite taken aback by the vast array of Masonic items that were on sale including a great number of different books on Masonry that I had not seen before as well as a great number of souvenirs such as ties, tokens, key rings and much other too numerous to detail. In fact, they fill quite a sizeable catalogue which gets sent all over the United States and I found out later that the sales raise a great deal of money for Masonic charity.

After a short while the gentleman returned and gave me his card which told me that he was George Peat, Chairman of Grand Lodge Sales of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. I then followed him back down the marble corridor to a bank of lifts one of which whisked us up to the seventeenth floor.

I was first taken to the museum where I informed one of the assistants that I was a member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. He told me that a high official, in actual fact the treasurer Bro. John Fisk IV would be in shortly and that he would be notified of my presence the moment he came in but meanwhile please look around and make yourself at home. I was very impressed particularly with the library for here are kept the records and minutes of all the many Constitutions in the U. S.

Brother Peat then returned and took me into a much more sumptuous and ornate part of the floor into a passage where a very elegant looking lady secretary was sitting at a desk. Bro. Peat knocked deferentially and went inside gesturing me to follow. I was then introduced to Bro. Wendell K. Walker, the Grand Secretary of this great Constitution, an extremely charming and dignified man whose office was probably the largest that I have ever been in. Shades of Dynasty!

He welcomed me most generously and told me that he often came to Grand Lodge in London for the Quarterly Communications and in fact hoped to be there in a couple of weeks for the September meeting. I, in turn said that I hoped I would see him there and explained that I was a Grand Officer and was able to tell him of some of the work done by our Masonic Stamp Club in which he expressed great interest.

These courtesies over, I was taken back to the Museum where I was introduced to Bro. John Fisk IV, a most likeable man who

reminded me of the film star William Demarest.

He first took me to his office where he looked my name up in his records and I was delighted to find out that I was up to date with my subs. He then showed me a shelf where were kept all the Newsletters of our own Club together with Trevor's book, Terry Waghorn's Article on Philippine Masonry and many other papers and items from the U.K. They certainly are efficient and know what is going on all over the world.

There then followed a most interesting tour conducted by Bro. Fisk and among the many things that I saw were a fine display of Masonic Postcards in the museum and of course the Grand Temple which must indeed be very impressive when filled with Brethren for some special meeting.

Bro. Fisk then took me to luncheon at the Freemasons Grill where we were joined by a fascinating character in the person of Clifford E. Green, the Director of the Committee on Masonic Benevolence and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of New York.

I was very moved by his deep explanation of the great work being done at the Masonic Medical Research Center at Utica, N. Y. and altogether by this man's great sincerity and humour. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and convivial meal in an atmosphere of great warmth and friendship and the whole day was truly indicative of the Masonic ideal of Brotherly Love.

I am truly hoping to make a return trip so that I can perhaps attend one of the meetings of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and to further my acquaintance with these delightful people.

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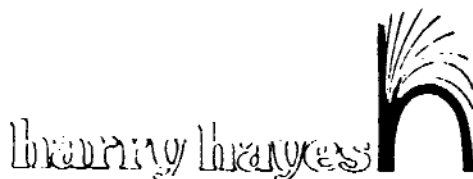
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July, 1985

Dear Collector,

Last autumn, Trevor Fray's long-awaited series of books on Masonic Philately was started, when part 1 was published. It met with immediate success, and hundreds of copies were quickly sold.

Now part 2 is in the final stages of preparation, and it is hoped that this second volume will be published in September, almost exactly a year after part 1.

The book will be about 56 pages, in the same style as previously, and will cost the same price, \$5. The contents will include chapters on Membership of the Order; Masonic Temples on stamps; Issues to commemorate Masonic events; and Masonic Ceremonies on stamps and covers. The alphabetical check list of Freemasons on stamps will be continued, with letters F to L. As before, many will be illustrated, and all will be identified by countries of issue, dates, and catalogue numbers.

A discount coupon will be again included in this part, entitling the purchaser to a further 5% off the published price of the final section.

The book is \$5 from your local dealer or society official, or \$5.60 by post from the publisher. It will be helpful if you complete the form below.

Yours sincerely,

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SIR KNIGHTS on U.S. Postage Stamps

Listed below are Sir Knights on U.S. postage stamps from my collection. I also list the Scott numbers which may help you purchase them in your local stores. If you can't find them, I'll do my best to help you if you enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with order.

Scott P.O.
No. List

C-10	10¢	Lindbergh, airmail
C-88	26¢	Gutzon Borglum
153	24¢	Gen. Winfield Scott
645	2¢	G. Washington-Val. For.
688	1 1/2¢	President Harding
725	3¢	Daniel Webster
733	3¢	Richard E. Byrd
790	1¢	John Paul Jones
803	1/2¢	Benjamin Franklin
812	10¢	Andrew Jackson
816	11¢	James Knox Polk
820	15¢	James Buchanan
822	17¢	Andrew Johnson
825	20¢	President Garfield
829	25¢	McKinley
831	50¢	Taft
863	10¢	Clemens (Mark Twain)
880	2¢	John Philip Sousa
930	1¢	F. D. Roosevelt
975	3¢	Will Rogers

Scott P.O.
No. List

1010	3¢	Gen. Lafayette
1038	5¢	James Monroe
1039	6¢	Theo. Roosevelt
1042A	8¢	Gen. Pershing
1048	25¢	Paul Revere
1050	40¢	John Marshall
1131	4¢	St. Lawrence Seaway
1170	4¢	Sen. W. F. George
1242	5¢	Sam Houston
1251	5¢	Dr. Mayo
1256	5¢	Joel Poinsett
1286A	12¢	Henry Ford
1397	14¢	Mayor LaGuardia (NYC)
1424	6¢	MacArthur
1499	8¢	Truman
1561	10¢	Haym Salomon
244	3¢	Hargrave 1851-1951 (Discovered gold in Australia, Member Leinster Marine Lodge #2, Sidney)

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January 31, 1986.

Masonic Stamp Club of New York,
Masonic Hall, Box 10,
46 West 24th Street,
New York, N. Y. 10010.

Brother Nicholas Batalias, President:

I write this letter to you as the Co-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education of The Grand Lodge Of Ohio. I have been a member of the Stamp Club for several years and have enjoyed receiving The Masonic Philatelist magazine.

In the December 1985 is an article on "Freemasonry and the Constitution." This is very interesting and we wonder if we might have your permission to use this here in Ohio.

Our Deputy Grand Master is planning to use the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution as a part of his program in 1987. For this reason we ask for your permission to use the article as a basis for this Committee to start our preparations for his program. We would of course give credit to the Masonic Philatelist and to the author for the article.

We believe we can build a real program around this theme so that even many of our smaller Lodges can have a part in it.

May we please have your response to this letter in the near future. We have enclosed a stamped envelope for your reply. Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Royal C. Scofield
Royal C. Scofield, PGM, Co-Chairman
G. L. Comm. on Masonic Education.

cc-Glen L. Opp, PDDGM, Co-Chairman.

State of the Club Report

Nicholas Batalias, President

We are the oldest and largest Masonic Philatelic Club. The greatest number of members reside in New York State. We have 45 members in California and Pennsylvania, 42 in New Jersey, 35 in Florida, 30 in Maine, 28 in Ohio, and fewer numbers in each of the fifty states. We have 18 members in Canada, 12 in England, 4 in Australia, and lesser numbers in 13 countries, including Chile, Thailand, Italy, Ireland, Greece, France, Germany, Zimbabwe, Republic of South Africa, Netherlands, and Mexico.

Our performance record is good, but we are facing problems. The cost of producing a quality MASONIC PHILATELIST continues to increase and the very welcome letters of appreciation we receive are indeed welcome. We must face up to the fact that, unless we can substantially increase our membership which now numbers slightly over 600 Brothers, we will be forced to ask for a raise in members dues in the very near future.

Another, more serious, problem is the surprisingly large number of Brothers who do not pay their annual dues promptly thus necessitating the costly and time consuming task of second notices and delinquent dues notices.

Brothers, as we have said many times in the past, MONEY MAKES THE MARE GO, and without your prompt payment of dues we cannot meet the ongoing expenses of printing, addressing, envelopes, and especially postage. Many members do make it a habit to add a few dollars donation with their annual dues and this helps keep us going, and is very much appreciated. We do need more help and we are asking all Members to assist in the following ways:

1. Send in your 1986 dues TODAY. Don't put it aside and wait for the second request.
2. Every member get a new member. A "NEW MEMBER APPLICATION" is printed in this issue of the Masonic Philatelist. Please use it to enroll a new member. There are many regular Masons who have never heard of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and you will be doing them and us a favor if you make the introduction. And you will be helping to support and sustain our Club.
3. Consider sending a small donation along with your annual dues. This will help to meet ongoing expenses and avoid a membership dues increase.

send in your dues today (\$7.00 US and Canada - \$10.00 other countries)

Treasurer - Masonic Stamp Club of New York

Masonic Hall - Box 10

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ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

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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. (\$10.00 Outside the North America).

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

INCLUDE PAYMENT OF \$10.00 WHICH INCLUDES THE INITIATION FEE OF \$3.00 AND, \$7.00 FIRST YEAR DUES. OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA PLEASE ADD \$4.00 FOR POSTAGE AND MAILING.

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Bro. Nicholas Batalias

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All Masons interested in stamp and cover
collecting are invited to attend

Additional Directions and Information

George Wettach - Past President MSCNY

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World Impact of Masons And Masonry Reflected By Stamps

John A. Mirt

Postage stamps are not only of intrinsic value, they are usually memorials to some person or event. They frequently remind the student of the important role which Masons have played in the development of the nation.

The U.S. 3c Montana Statehood stamp (No. 858) issued in 1939 brings to mind the role of Masons in that area. The Grand Master of Montana dedicated the state capitol. The first four mayors of Helena were Masons.

The Lindbergh 10c airmail stamp issued in 1927 depicts the "Spirit of St. Louis" which flew Lindbergh to Paris. The occasion has been noted on stamps by Spain, Costa Rica, Cuba, Panama, and other nations.

The 3c Red Cross stamp of 1948, depicts Clara Barton. She was laid to rest in Oxford, Mass., by the Clara Barton Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The 1928 2c Valley Forge stamp depicts Washington at prayer and has the motto "In God We Trust". This design was selected by Robert S. Regar, a Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

The Straits Settlements \$1 No. 40 of 1955 shows Sir Stamford Raffles who was initiated and passed by the Lodge Vertutis et Artis Amici in Java and raised in the Lodge of Friendship in Sourabaya. He founded Singapore as a free port to combat trade monopolies.

The German Federal Republic 20 pfennig stamp of 1956 honored Dr. Heinrich von Stephan. He was a member of the Lodge Teutonia zur Weisheit in Potsdam and the Prussian postmaster general who organized the UPU.

Greek stamps Nos. 418-420 depict King George who ruled Greece 1863-1913. He was born and made a Mason in Denmark. Constantine I on stamps Nos. 389-390 and Venizelos on Nos. 482-3, are also Masons.

The Japan 1949 Boy Scout issue reminds collectors that American Masons reactivated Scouting in Japan after the war. Mr. Mashina, the chief of Japan Boy Scouts, is a Mason. The boy depicted on the stamp is an American Boy Scout.

Of the "Famous Filipino" series, the 1c showing Quezon, the 5c Pilar, and the 2 Pesos Jaena all depict Masons who fought for the liberation of their homeland.

The first page of every Masonic collection should be devoted to the Holy Bible. An extremely fine stamp is the South African Voortreker 3 pence stamp No. 178. The open Bible in the center of this stamp symbolizes faith. The lit candle is emblematic of Light.

The Holy Bible, sometimes referred to as the "Volume of Sacred Law", is given as the rule and guide for all Masons.

"Let the knowledge thus gained guide us in our actions so that naught but credit may come to the Craft to which we belong. May the historic deeds of those who have gone to their reward on High instill in us a love for our country to the end that those principles of freedom and justice established by our Masonic forefathers may never be replaced by foreign ideologies which can exist only in a nation enslaved."





SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTING

The first First Day Cover was for the first postage stamp, Great Britain Scott #1, the Penny Black, May 6, 1840.

The earliest known U.S. First Day Covers are for Scott #'s 5b, 7, and 10, all issued July 1, 1851.

The first FDCs for a U.S. commemorative issue were the Columbians, Scott #'s 203-4, 236 (1¢-5¢ and 10¢ values) are known cancelled January 1, 1893. Note that January 1st was both a Sunday and a holiday. Thus, January 2, 1893, is also considered a legitimate first day date. These six values plus Scott #'s 235 (6¢ value) and 242 (\$2.00 value) are known cancelled on January 2nd.

The first U.S. FDC with a cachet specifically designed for it was the Hudson-Fulton issue Scott #372, September 25, 1909.

The first U.S. stamp for which the Post Office Department announced a specific first day city was Scott # E12, the 10¢ Special Delivery, July 12, 1922. With this issue they initiated their modern policy of catering to the stamp collector by announcing first day cities and dates.

The first U.S. First Day of Issue ceremony was held for Scott #563, the 11¢ Hayes, on October 4, 1922, at Fremont, Ohio. Only four sheets of 100 stamps each were available there on the first day. (about 100 FDCs exist).

The first commercially produced cachet for a U.S. FDC was prepared by George Linn for Scott #610, the Harding Memorial, September 1, 1923.

The first U.S. stamps officially issued outside the continental United States were Scott #'s 647-8 at Honolulu, Hawaii, August 13, 1928.

The first U.S. electric eye stamp, Scott #634A is known used as early as February 8, 1935. However, March 28, 1935, was the first day of sale at the Philatelic Agency and FDCs are known on this date.

The FDOI slogan was first used for the machine cancels of Scott #795, ORDINANCE OF 1787, July 13, 1937, at New York and Marietta, Ohio.

The first U.S. stamp officially issued at a locale other than a city was Scott #856, the Panama Canal stamp, cancelled on board the U.S.S. Charleston in the Canal Zone on August 15, 1939.

The first use of the FDOI slogan in a hand cancel was for Scott #859, the 1¢ Irving, January 29, 1940.

The first luminescent U.S. stamp was Scott #C64a, issued August 1, 1963, at Dayton, Ohio.

INTRODUCTION TO STAMP COLLECTING

Suppose someone asked you, "What is the most popular hobby in the world?" Since you're reading this book, you can probably guess the answer. That's right. It's stamp collecting. In the United States alone, about 22 million people are stamp collectors. And there are millions more around the world.

What makes stamps so fascinating? Some people think of stamps as tiny windows on the world. Most countries have stamps that show people or things or events that their citizens think are very important, or valuable, or beautiful. So when you look at a postage stamp, you learn something about the country it comes from.

Another reason people like to collect stamps is that many stamps are really works of art. Talented artists and photographers design the stamps. They are printed with great care and skill. Having a collection of beautiful stamps is like having an art gallery of your own.

Another thing that makes stamp collecting so popular is that there is no special age for it. You can enjoy stamp collecting just as much when you're 70 years old as when you're 10. In stamp collecting, you never run out of something to do. If you started now, and collected stamps for the rest of your life, you'd probably not be able to collect all the stamps in the world. The first postage stamp was issued in 1840. Since then, hundreds of thousands of different stamps have been issued by the countries of the world. But rather than trying to collect as many different kinds of stamps from as many places as you can, you'll probably find some types of stamps that are particularly interesting to *you*—and concentrate on collecting those.

Stamps can help with schoolwork. They can be used in special projects in classes like history, geography, and science. Also, stamp collecting is a merit badge activity for Scouts.

Stamp collecting doesn't have to be an expensive hobby. Of course, you could spend many thousands of dollars on stamps, but you can also be a collector without spending much money at all.

You can start out by asking your family and your friends to save used stamps for you. Just ask them to save the used stamps on envelopes they receive in the mail at their homes or businesses. As you gather stamps, you'll want to put them in order so you can show them to other people. A ring binder with loose leaf paper can be your first stamp album. But don't paste or tape your stamps into the album! That would destroy their value.

STAMP VOCABULARY

Adhesive A gummed stamp made to be attached to mail.

Aerophilately The hobby of collecting airmail stamps, covers and other postal materials that are delivered by balloon, airplane, or other types of aircraft.

APS Abbreviation for American Philatelic Society.

Approvals Stamps sent by a dealer to a collector for examination. Approvals must either be bought or returned to the dealer within a certain time.

ATA Abbreviation for American Topical Association.

Autographed Cover A cover sheet or envelope signed by a person who had something to do with the event that is being commemorated—for example, the pilot of the plane that carried the material. Or an envelope addressed to a famous person, and signed by that person.

Block An attached group of stamps at least two stamps high and two stamps wide.

Booklet Pane A small sheet of stamps especially cut and printed to be sold in booklets.

Cachet (ka-shay') A design on a first day cover (envelope).

Cancellation A mark placed on a stamp to show that the stamp has been used.

Centering The position of the design on a postage stamp. On perfectly centered stamps the design is exactly in the middle of the stamp.

Coils Stamps issued in rolls for use in dispensers, affixers or vending machines.

Commemoratives Stamps that honor anniversaries, important people, or special events. Commemoratives are usually sold for only a certain length of time.

Condition The state of a stamp in regard to such things as centering, freshness, color, gum, and hinge marks.

Cover The envelope or wrapping in which a letter has been sent through the mail.

Definitives Regular issues of stamps—not commemoratives. Regular issues are usually sold over long periods of time.

Face Value The value of a stamp as printed on the stamp.

First Day Cover An envelope with a new stamp and a cancellation showing the date the stamp was first sold.

Gum The adhesive on the back of a stamp.

Hinges Small strips of paper gummed on one side and used by collectors to put their stamps in albums.

Imperforate Stamps Stamps printed in sheets without perforations or other means of separating them. Users had to cut the stamps apart with scissors or a knife. These stamps were usually early issues. They were printed before machines to make perforations had been invented.

Mint Sheet A sheet of unused stamps.

Mint Stamp A postage stamp that is in the same condition as when it was purchased from a post office.

Overprint A regular issue stamp that has some printing on top of the original design. Sometimes stamps are overprinted when there has been a change of government or when one country takes over another in a war.

Pane Part of an original large printed sheet of stamps. Sheets are cut into panes so that they are easier to handle and sell at post offices.

Pen Cancellation A cancellation made before modern post office equipment was used. Postmasters drew a line in ink across stamps, initialed them, or wrote their names on them.

Perforations Lines of small cuts or holes between two rows of stamps so that the stamps are easy to separate.

Philately (fi-lat'-el-lee) The collecting and study of postage stamps and other postal material.

Plate The metal base from which stamps are printed.

Plate Block (or number plate block) A block of stamps with the plate number or numbers in the margin.

Postal Stationery Envelopes, postal cards, aerogrammes, and wrappers with stamps printed or embossed on them.

Postmark A mark put on envelopes and other mailing pieces, showing the date and the name of the post office where it was mailed.

Postmaster Provisionals Stamps made by local postmasters. They were used before the government of the country began issuing stamps, or when the post office ran out of regular stamps.

Precancels Stamps with cancellations applied before the material was mailed.

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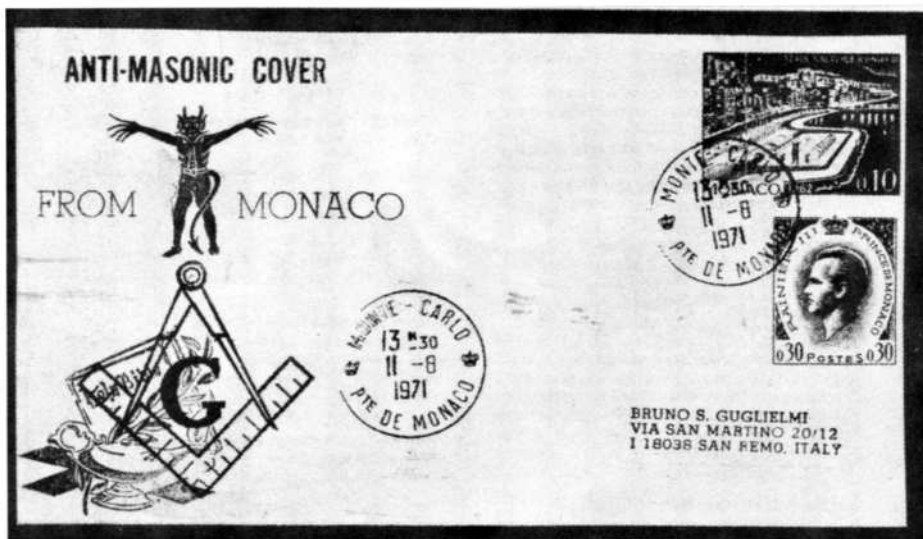
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In Memorium — 42 Years Afterwards

By R. W. Walter C. Marshall

Shortly before World War II the Belgium Brothers came to Paris to celebrate the famous Grand Master Charles Magnette from Belgium, who during World War I begged the German Grand Lodges to help the people of Belgium. Some of the letters were held back by the German censors, some reached different Grand Lodges but were never answered. Only the Grand Lodge "zur aufgehenden Sonne" in Bayreuth asked what they could do to help. What happened at this time in Belgium? Entering the town of Louvin 1914 suddenly the windows in the streets were opened and civilian started to shoot the marching German Army, who did not expect any resistance. They were not in uniforms but in civilian clothes and were called at that time "Franc tireurs". In defense the German units burned the houses and any men found were shot on the spot.

In 1938 we had Belgium visitors in Paris and I still remember that the aprons of each group had a different color and each Lodge had a flagbearer carrying a small standard with the name of the Lodge. I never have seen in my life so many colors together.

The leader and Grand Master of this large delegation was the M. W. Francois Bovesse, Governor of Namur Province. In my mind I still see to-day this picturesque part of the Belgium Wallonia near the French border on the banks of the little rivers Meuse and Sabre. Governor Bovesse was a native of Namur. He was a good looking man, slightly disabled due to severe wounds sustained in World War I, but as a speaker he gave us an evening we still remember. His voice with a resonant basso penetrated the last rows of our large temple. He was a charming man, a good mixer, very witty and his booming voice at the meeting and afterwards at the table during the collation was heard and admired by all of us. It was a successful evening, which vividly lingers in my memory even after 50 years.

When World War II broke out, we were already in uniform to serve our respective countries. On May 1940 the German Army overran Belgium again. The resistance of the Belgium Army was near to zero and a million of refugees entered France. Small thinking people mostly in the country site refused them, included the women and children, water they asked for and once I had to step in to get the

children water during very hot spring days. According to the instructions of the king of Belgium, Francois Bovesse left Belgium as one of the last after the invasion and was in charge of the refugees in Sete France. There, he did not stay long, his energy brought him back to help the population left in Belgium who were without guidance. But naturally he could not resume his duties as Governor. He stayed in Namur as a private citizen. At this time the Belgium Fachist Party, actually a small group of fanatics, formed a Legion to fight for Germany in Russia and also directed their power in Belgium. As soon as they learned that Bovesse was back in Namur, he was savagely attacked and even physically molested by this group of fachists. They had an old grudge against this fighter of freedom and democracy. The occupation army on the other hand held him responsible of every act of resistance in the province of Namur and in 1941 they succeeded in having him arrested and sentenced to 6 months in prison, which he served in Brussels and not in a German concentration camp.

One early morning in March 1944, shortly before the landing of the Allied forces in France, four unknown men called at his home. The maid refused to let the callers disturb her master in his sleep. But Brother Bovesse heard the discussion and walked downstairs to confront the intruders. They fired on this defenseless man with their pistols. He died immediately. The 4 assassins left and the next day the press insulted the memory of this good citizen and patriot, that brave soldier and Mason by claiming that due to a minor incident, a middle aged man fell down the stairs of his home and died. I wonder how they explained that the body was riddled by bullets.

We lost a Brother Mason, who was the Grand Master of the craft in Belgium, where ever Brethren met, I am sure his name is not forgotten. On July 18th 1946 a stamp was issued after the liberation. The surtax was used for the erection of a house of Fine Arts in Namur. I am sure, he would have been pleased by this idea.



Masonic Philately

By W. Joseph Nathan Kane

"I save Masonic Stamps," said Jones. "What company gives them out?" Smith asked. "My wife saves Green Stamps and the Grand Union Stamps."

It's not funny, McGee, at least not to the 800 members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. They're a different breed of pups than I knew when I was a kid.

When I first started to save stamps, I saved everything from Albania to Zanzibar. My album was filled with stamps from each country. I didn't paste them in, I used hinges!

Now that I have graduated into senility, I find that I had a misspent youth, at least according to the Masonic collectors and philatelists. They do not place a value on quantity, they do not place a dollar sign on every stamp, and they would pass up the four-cent British Guiana (worth \$25,000) as if it had the plague unless they wanted it for swap night.

What binds these men together? Not the fact that they grant the degree Master of Philately. Not that they want to rub shoulders with Masters, Past Masters, Right Worshipfuls or Grand Masters. Not the fact that they want some place to go on the first Friday of each month. It is the acquisitive instinct, the master builder technique.

One collector saves envelopes with stamps affixed, each bearing a cancellation from a town having a special Masonic connection or significance with Masonry. In his album are stamps bearing such cancellations as Three Points, Ashlar, Compass, Bible, Square. Not one of these envelopes costs more than ten cents and a little time to acquire. To start a similar collection all you have to do is to write a letter to the postmaster asking him to return the self-addressed stamped envelope to you. Your total cost, the cost of the postage to the specific post office, the cost of the postage for the return, plus the two envelopes, a short note requesting the cancellation and a little time and patience.

Another collector tries to obtain stamps from every state bearing the same cancellation. For example, his goal may be a stamped cancellation from Hiram, Alabama; Hiram, Alaska; Hiram, Arkansas, etc.

Another collector only saves stamps depicting famous Masons, while another saves only stamps on which Masonic regalia appears. Other collectors are more specific. They limit their collection to stamps depicting a specific Mason, such as George Washington, Winston Churchill, et al. Other collectors save only stamps and envelopes bearing Masonic cancellations. This is rather unusual today but was fairly common when each postmaster made up his own cancellation.

Several collectors save only stamps and envelopes showing flags or stamps.

There is a large group of collectors who save envelopes which have been sent "free" and without stamps, a privilege given by the government to special individuals, such as the widows of Presidents, members of Congress, members of the armed forces, etc. The Masonic stamp collectors confine their efforts only to signatures by Masons.

Still another group of collectors save covers or envelopes bearing the names of towns and cities having the same names as those of distinguished Masons.

A little removed from philately, yet akin to it, is the collection of envelopes bearing in the left-hand corner the printed name of the sender. These collections are distinctive. One man saves only those envelopes from the Masonic Grand Lodges, another endeavors to collect envelopes from every Lodge in his state, another saves only those envelopes with a similar date.

In addition to all these collections, there are collections of cachets. These are envelopes which bear a distinctive cachet or stamp to commemorate some special event, often printed in artistic designs and colors. These cachets or specially imprinted envelope cost a few cents each.

The assembling of these collections is not new to those members of the Masonic Stamp Club, but to me they were illuminating and interesting, and an excuse to stay home nights without looking at a 1925 movie. And for those who were not privileged to attend their meetings, I have briefly tried to explain their hobbies.

