



MASONRY

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IN ROMANIA

Masonry, as an institution, is an initiatory order whose members are fraternized by common moral, spiritual and social ideals, by initiation in accordance with a common ritual, by the oath placed on one of the holy books of the great religions (Bible, The Qur'an, the Dao de Jing, the Hindu Vedas, the Buddhist Tripitaka, or other writings considered sacred) and, in most ramifications, by faith in a "Supreme Power" called "Great Architect of the Universe". Masonic organizations, present in most countries, are in the form of autonomous obedience, "Grand Lodges" or "Great Orient" (groups of lodges), themselves composed of "blue lodges" (alsocalled "workshops") of 7 – 50 members. The number of Freemasons in the world is about four million, most in the United States and Western Europe.

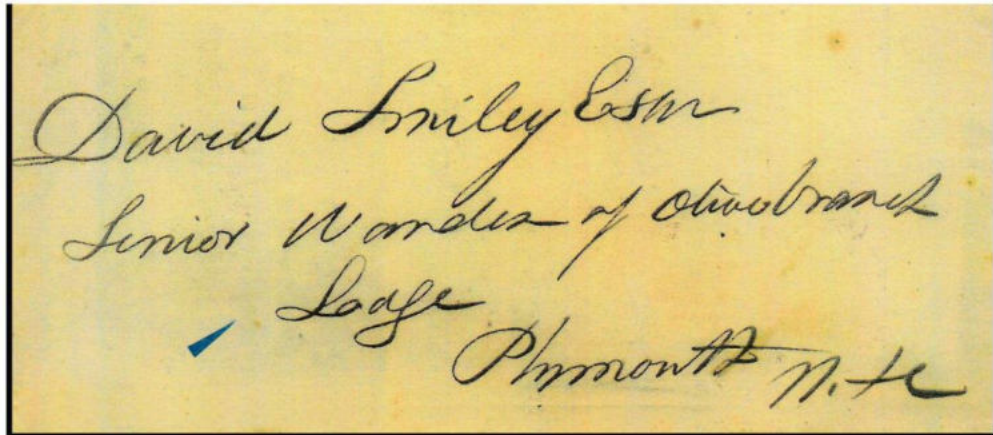
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1. MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1.1. HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM . CITYES NAMED MASON.

THE GREAT MASONIC IDEALS OF HUMANITY / Triple principle: Freedom – Equality–Fraternity (in Romania also circulated the synonym Justice–Brotherhood); Rationalism and Enlightenment; The United States of Europe; The Society of Nations; The Republic and Universal Revolution; National independence, including the creation of national armies; National Unity; Equality before the Law; Property rights; Guarantee the work product; The universal suffrage; The introduction of the Civil Code; The carrying of public education; Individual freedom (freedom of consciousness); Freedom of the Press; Freedom of Religion; The separation between of the State and Church; The abolition of the death penalty; Right to social service;



David Smiley Esqr
Senior Warden of Olive Branch
Lodge
Portsmouth N.H.

Prefilatic correspondence loco. Lodge Portsmouth New Hampshire.
Oct. 23, 1811 (5811), Invitation to the General Assembly of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
PORTSMOUTH, OCT. 23, A. L. 5811.

Brother *David Smiley, Esqr. Senior Warden*
of Olive Branch Lodge
Or his successor in office.

The Most Worshipful Nathaniel Adams, Esq. Grand Master of Masons in and throughout the State of New-Hampshire requires your personal attendance at the General Assembly of the Grand Lodge of the State of Newhampshire, to be held at the Lodge Room in Portsmouth, on the fourth Wednesday of January A. L. 5812, being the 22nd day of said month, at 2 o'clock P. M.

By order,

L. Spalding GRAND SECRETARY.



Whitefield Dec 9th 1856

Dear Brothers and Friends

I now sit down to write a few lines
to let ^{you} know of our health and welfare
my health is very good indeed at this

Today, the main Masonic symbols are the "three great lights": "the torch", "the compass" and "the volume of the Sacred Law", as well as the letter "G", written inside a torch and a compass, which actually represents the initiation of the words. "God", "geometry, generation, genius, gnosis" ...

PREFILATELIC CORRESPONDENCE, DEC 11 1836, Witefield N.H. to Mason N.H.

Whitefield N.H. 12 1/2
Dec 11th
Mr Ezra Russell
Mason
J. S.

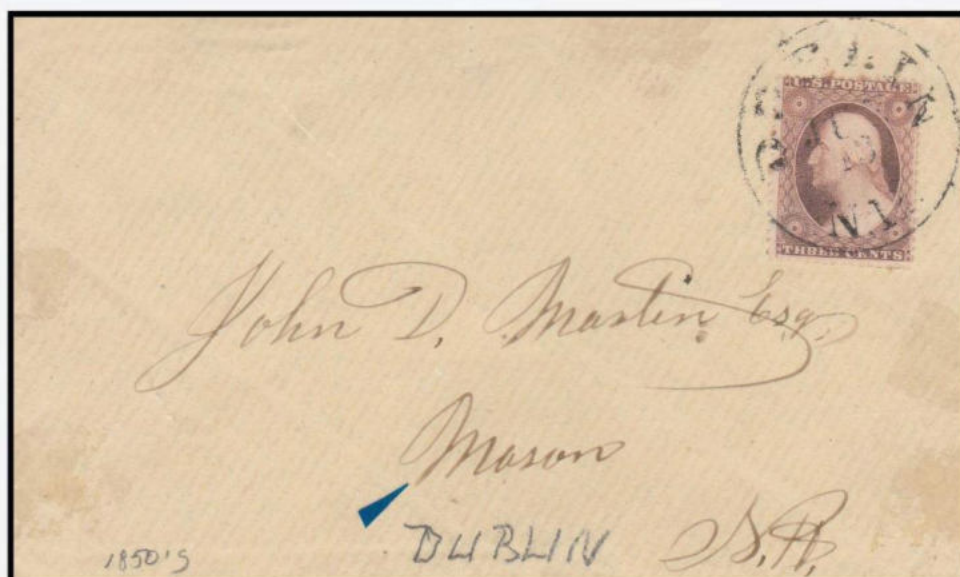
In the United States of America, the symbol begins to be used in 1773, in the tavern of the Green Dragon, which functioned as a Masonic Lodge with the name of St. Andrew, at that time under the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Albert Mackey believed that the masons were taught that "masonry and geometry are synonymous" and that "the geometric symbols found in the rituals of modern Freemasonry can be considered as the remains of the geometric secrets known to the Masons of the Middle Ages, which are now believed to have been lost.". Occult geometry, sometimes called "sacred geometry", has long used geometric symbols, such as the circle, triangle, pentagram, etc., to illustrate metaphysical and philosophical ideas.



MIDWAY KY DEC / 11 (1861) to Dever Mason N.H.



WSTFORD MASS. JUL / 2 / 1881 to Mason N. Hamp.



DUBLIN N.H. JUL / 13 (1850'S) to Mason N.H. (NEW HAMPSHIRE)



From MASON N.H. FEB / 26. (1850 S) to Kashrea N.H.



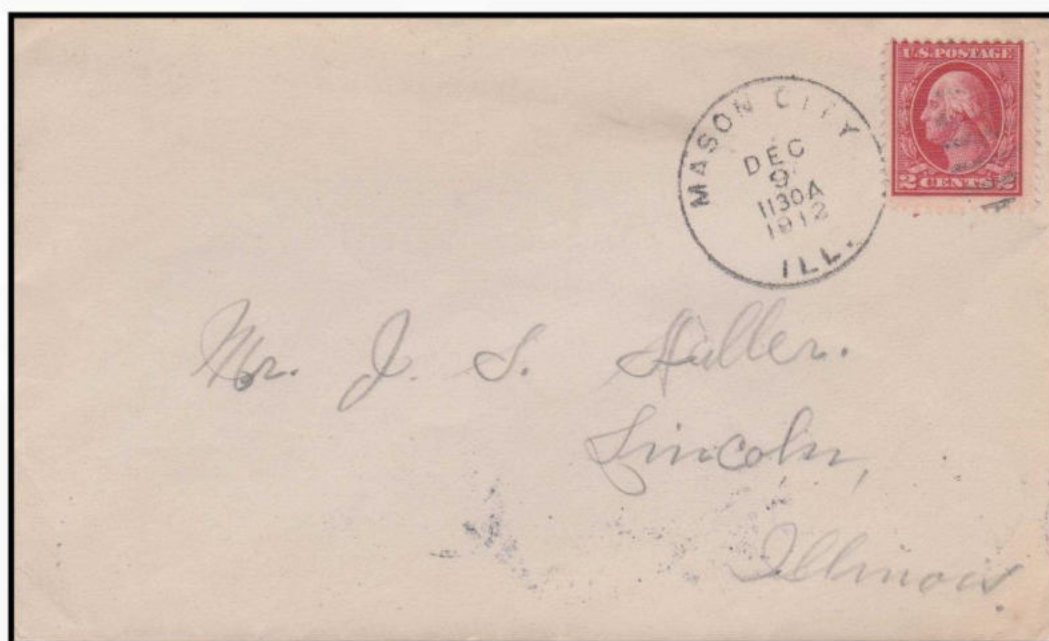
From MASON N.H. NOV. 28./1859 to Bennington N.H.(NEW HAMPSHIRE)



This collection of Washington relics is the property of Alexandria Washington Lodge, No.22, A F & A.M., and contains Washington's Masonic Apron presented in the 1812 by Lawrence Lewins, Washington's nephew; his wedding gloves; pocket compass; pruning knife; medicine scales; bleeding implements and many other valuable relics which have been presented to the Lodge from time to time by his relatives. (1929)

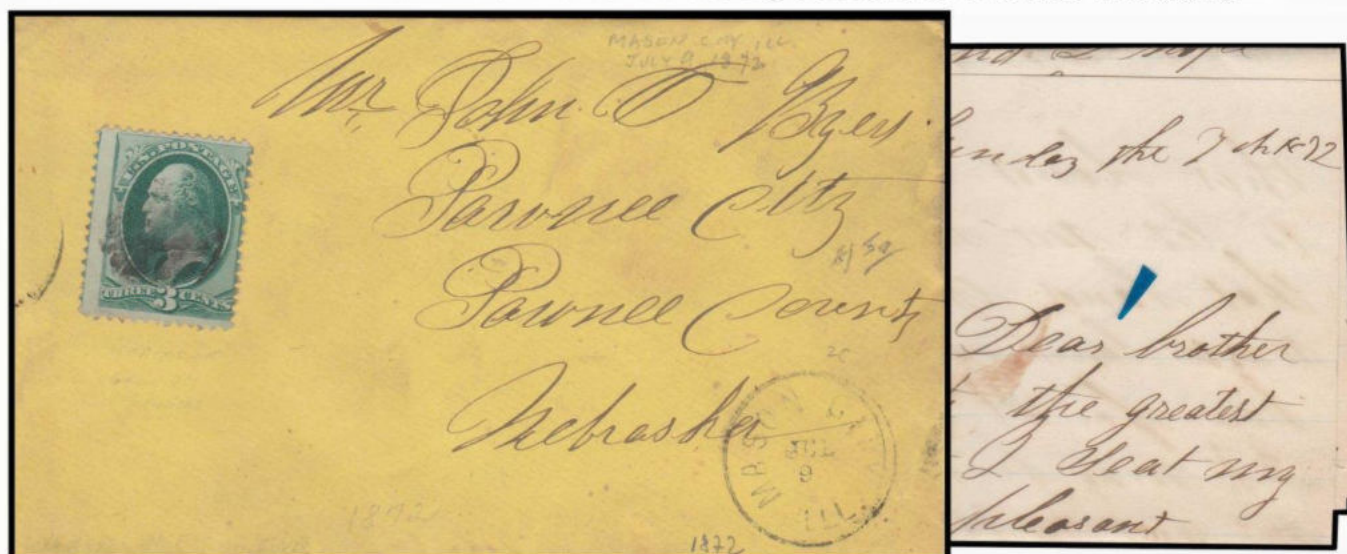


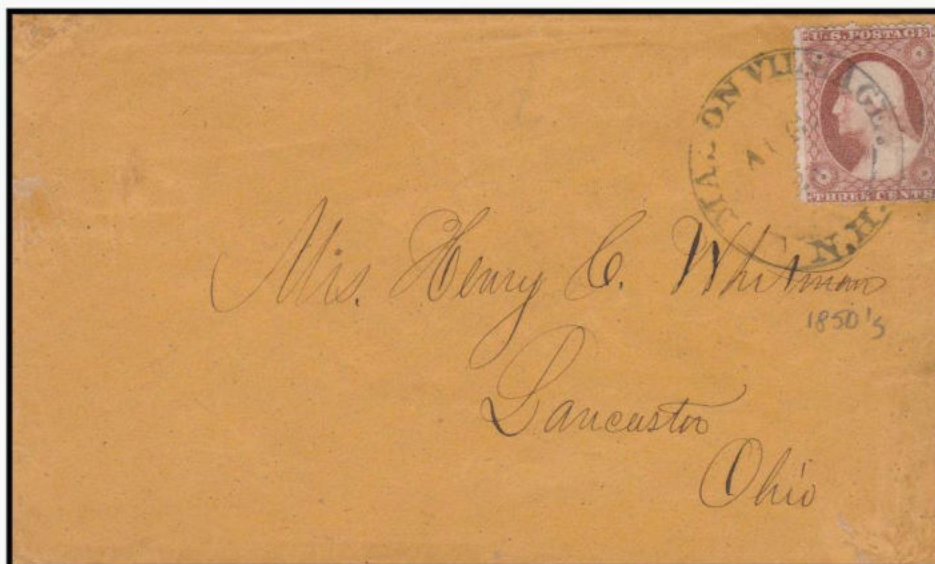
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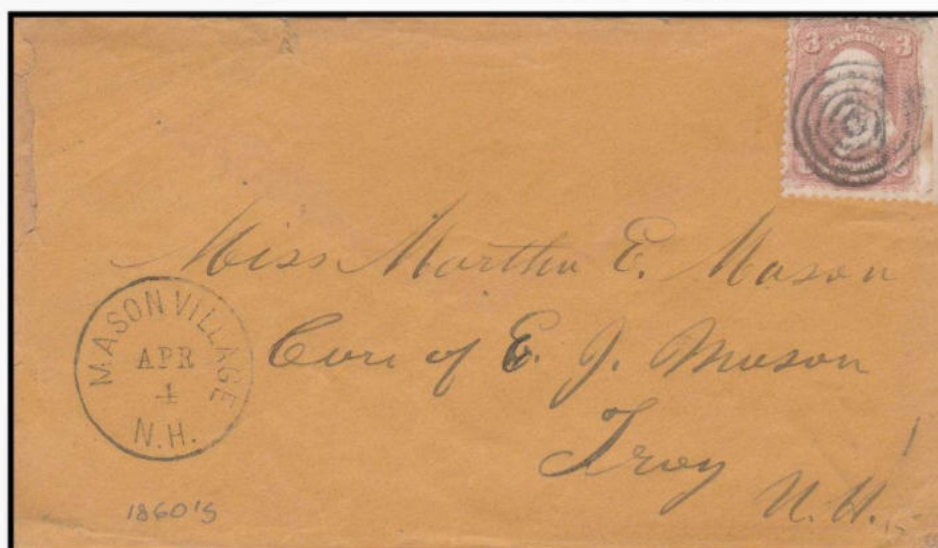
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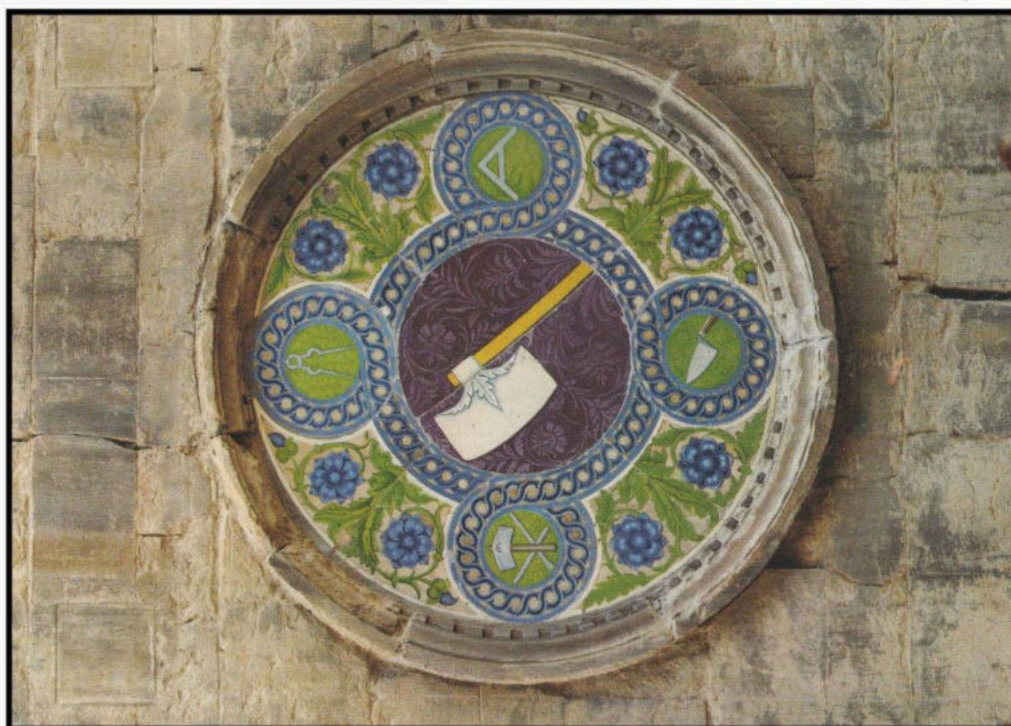


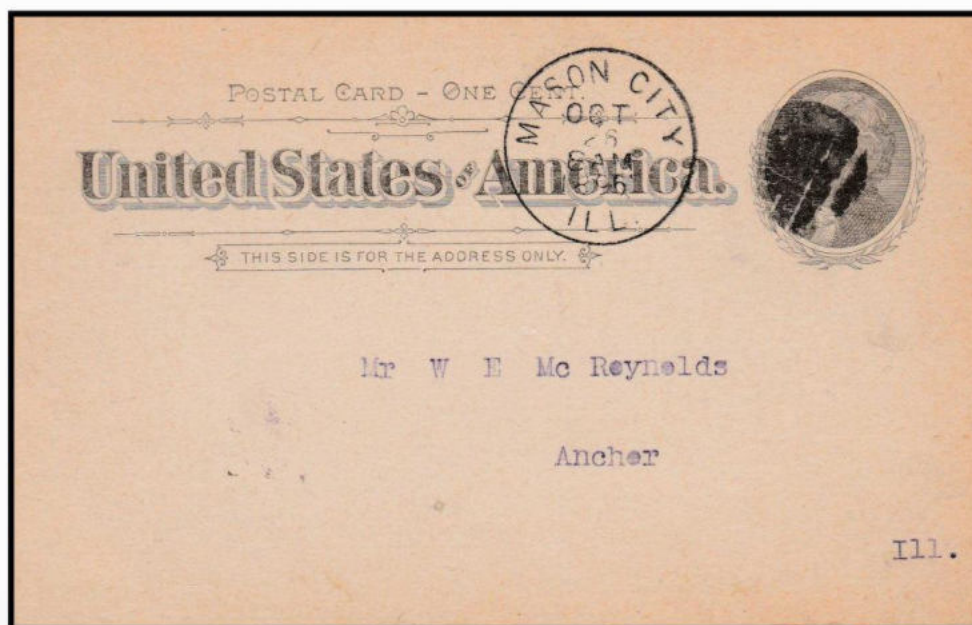


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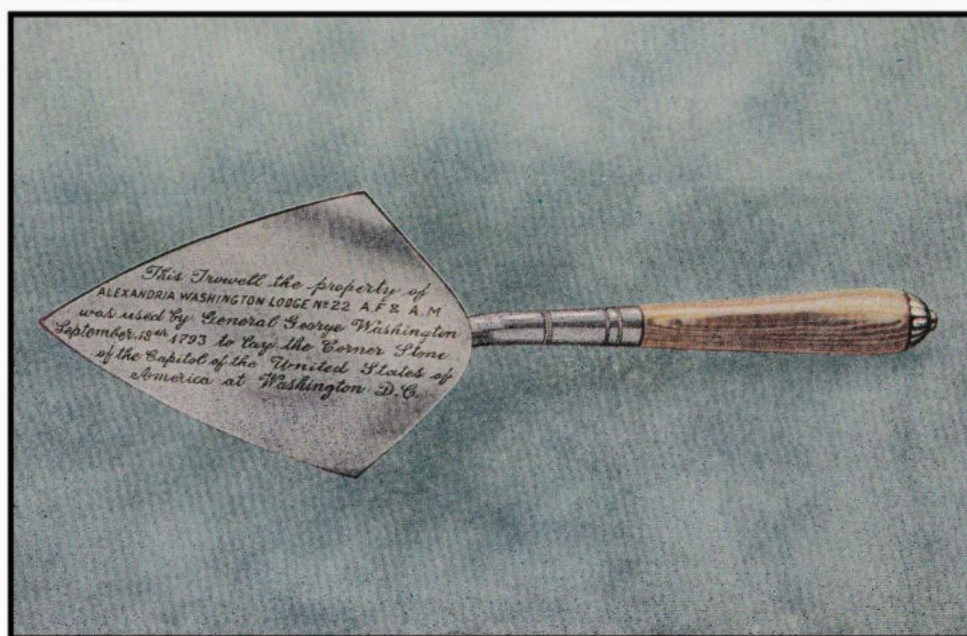
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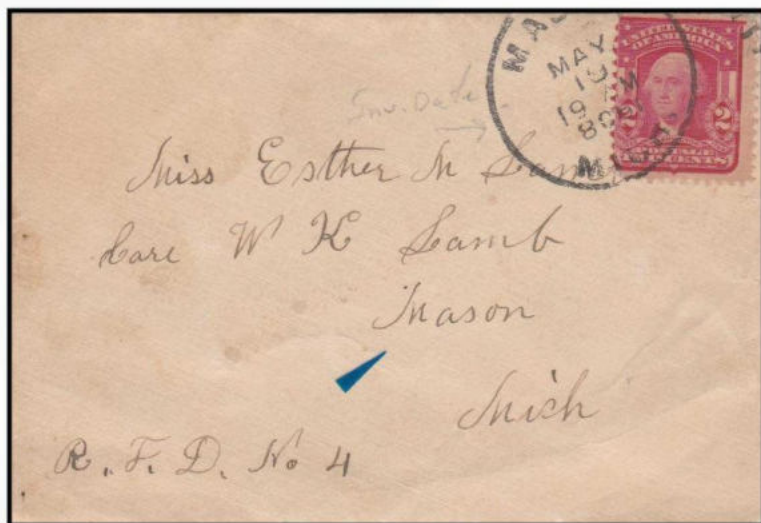


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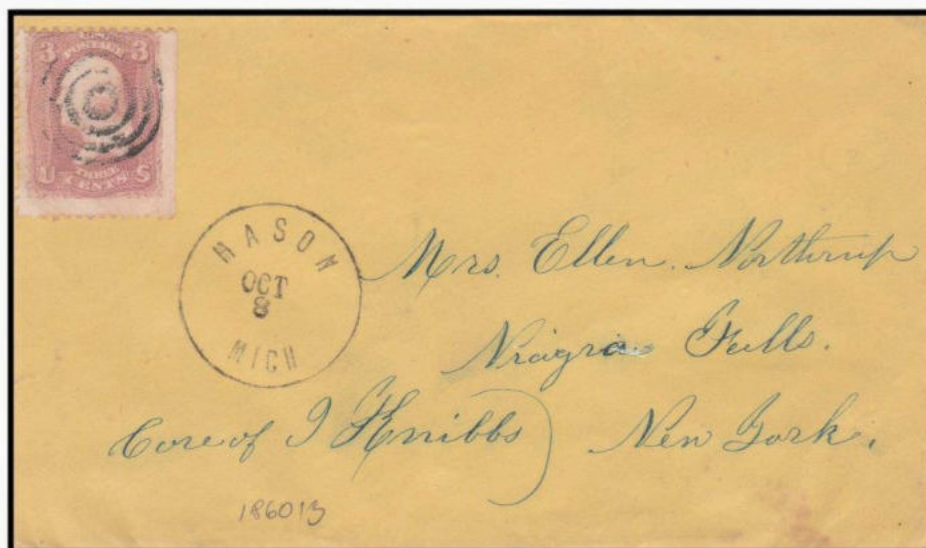
This trowell the proprietary of ALEXANDRIA WASHINGTON LODGE NO 22 A.F. & A.M. was first used by General Washington September 18th 1793 to the Corner Stone of the Capitol of the United States of America at Washington D.C.



This trowell was first used by General Washington at the laying of the corner stone of the National Capitol in 1793. It was used a second time for the laying of the corner stone of the Smithsonian Institution in 1846, and shortly afterward for the laying corner stone of the Washington Monument on July 4, 1848. It was used by President Roosevelt in 1907 for the laying of Washington, D.C., and, on November 1, 1923, at the laying of the corner stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va., by Acting Grand Master Charles H. Cahllahan of Virginia, assisted by President of the United States and representatives of Grand Lodges throughout the United States. (1929)

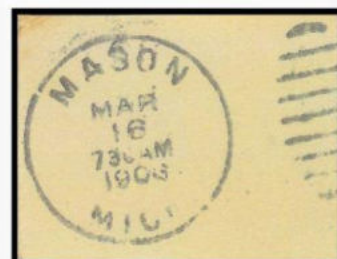


MASON MICH. MAY / 19 / 1900 to Mason Mich.



MASON MICH OCT / 8 (1860 S), fancy cancel to Niagara Falls, New York

DETROIT MICH. MAR 6 / 1906 to MASON MICH. MAR / 16 / 1906



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LANSING, . . . MICH.



A. B. Rose *Eq*
— Mason
Mich.

LANSING MICH. DEC / 25 / 1887, fancy cancel to *Mason Mich.*

In the nineteenth century, Mackey asserted that the Freemasonry of the medieval era had taken over both knowledge of construction and the organizational model of the "architects of Lombardy". This guild in northern Italy was the first whose members assumed the name "Freemasons", which became the abbreviation for the "Fraternal Order of free and recognized stone carvers as such." The expression "recognized as such" was used in the case. later members of the Order, who ha no connection with its founders, stone carvers, an alchemy work expressly mentioning the term "Freemason" can be dated to the 50s of the 15th century.

From C.W.PECK, W.M. WHITTIER LODGE 323 F.& A.M. WHITTIER. CALIF. DEC/6 /1937 to Mr. F.C.Lester, Sec'y., Mason Lodge # 70, F.& A.M., Mason, Michigan

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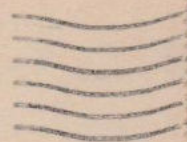


— Mr. F. C. Lester, Sec'y.,
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Mason, Michigan.



From Mason Lodge No. 70 F & A. M. MONTPELIER IND. JAN 17 / 1941
to F.A. Lester, Secretary Mason, Michigan

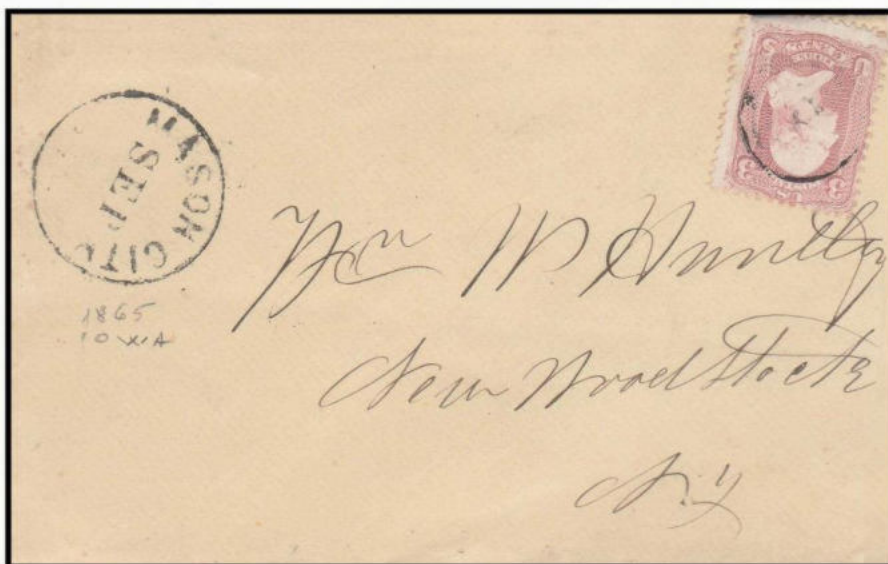
Masonic legends place the formation of the organization in the time of the Tower of Babel and in the building of the Temple in Jerusalem by King Solomon, which is mentioned in the Bible. According to Mircea Eliade, "history begins in Sumer". Basically, the beginnings of operative masonry represent the beginnings of urban culture, the construction of the first city-cities. In terms of the prehistory of the human species, however, man has always been a stone carver. When the art of stone carving was combined with geometry, Architecture appeared. The first Grand Masters were, in fact, Architects.

From Dr. KATE E. LAMB OPTOMETRIST / MASON, MICHIGAN
MASON MICH. MAY 2 / 1941 to Frank Lester, City

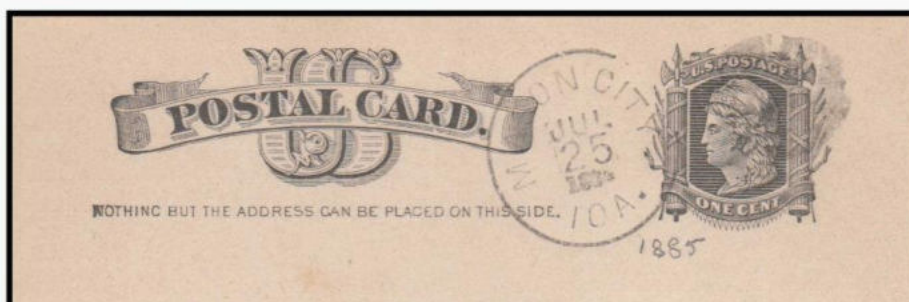
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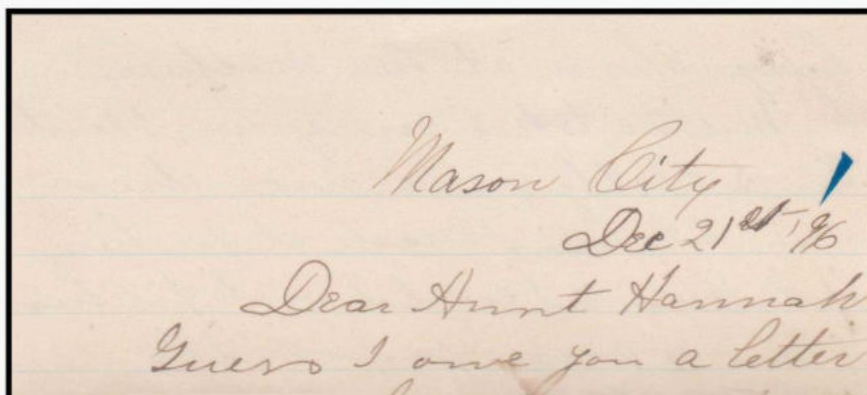


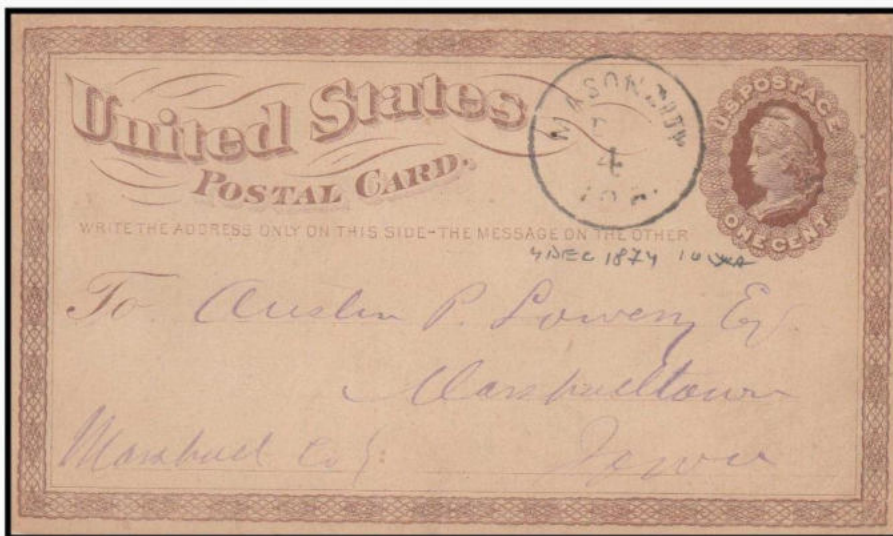
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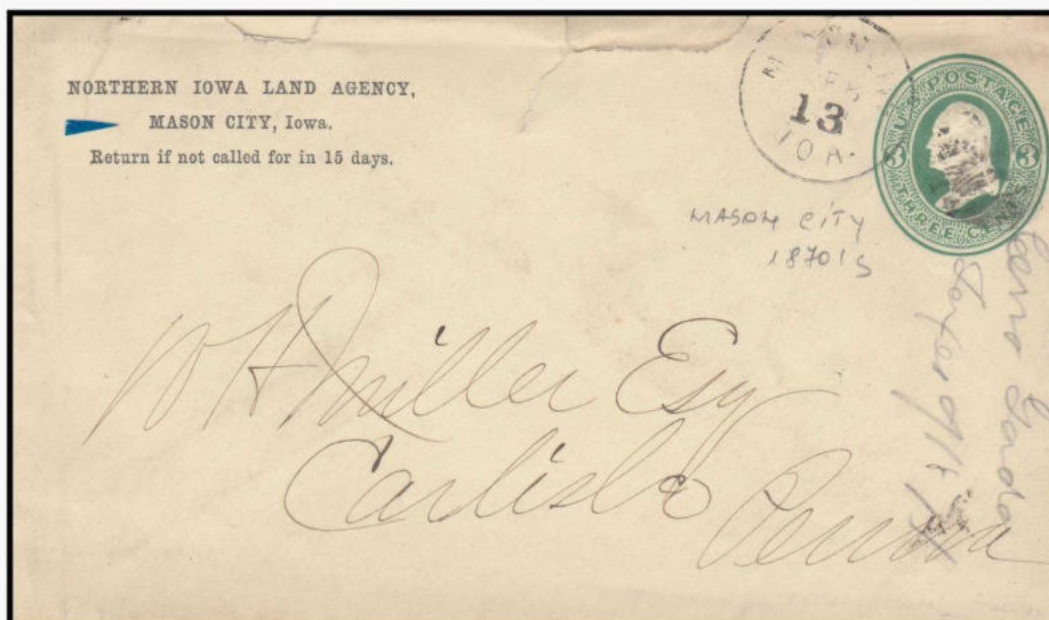
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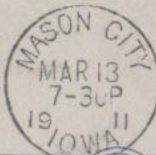
MASON CITY, IOWA AUG 30 /1944
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MASON CITY, IOWA MAR 13 / 1911 to *Spirit Lake, Iowa*



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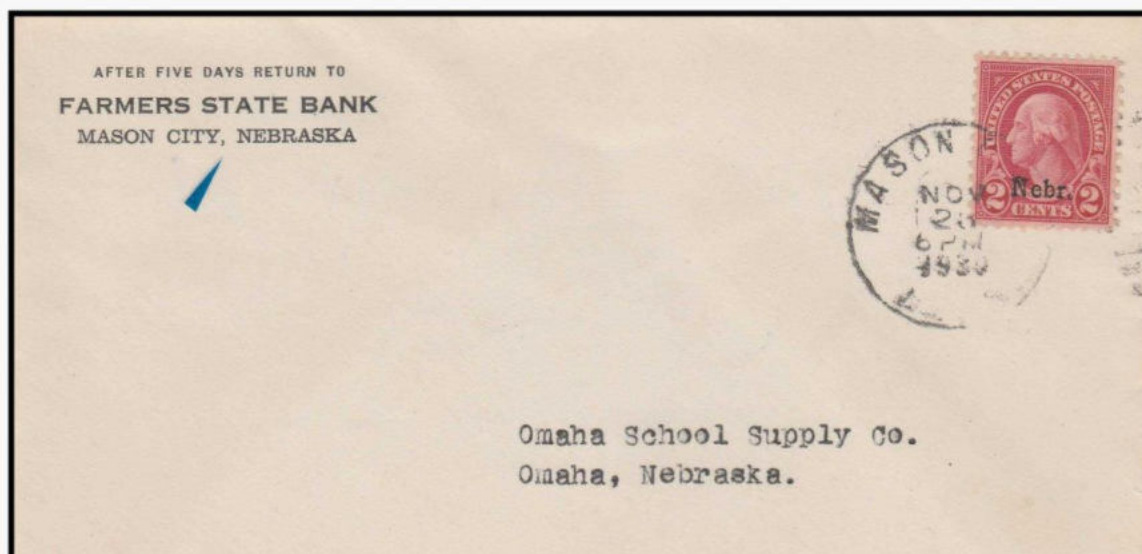




MASON OHIO JAN / 17 / 1910 to LEBANON OHIO JAN 17 / 1910



1893, OHIO. GROUP GENTELMEN MSONIC.
MASON CITY NEBR. NOV / 20 / 1930 to Omaha, Nebraska.





1.2. MASONIC TEMPLE AND MASONIC ACTIVITIES

QUARTERLY CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF THE G. SECRETARY G. LODGE OF ILLINOIS, A. F. & A. M., }
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., June 1, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868. }

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following notices of Re-instatements, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Rejections have been received at this office for the quarter ending June 1, A. D. 1868:

RE-INSTATEMENTS.

Perry Lodge No. 95.—H. L. Sutphin, Jan. 4.
Illinois Central No. 178.—James Tait, Joseph Tait, April 20.

Accordia No. 277.—Louis Rosenbaum, May 8.
Plymouth No. 281.—C. H. Dodd, April 4.

DEFINITE SUSPENSIONS.

Paris Lodge No. 268.—L. Odenbaugh, April 2, eleven months.

Moscow No. 457.—Robert Hood, April 1, six months.

INDEFINITE SUSPENSIONS.

Warren Lodge No. 14.—J. C. Becker, April 28.
Charleston No. 35.—Samuel Wright, March 3.
Belvidere No. 60.—Lyman Andrews, L. H. Magher, Hiram Jackson, W. F. Peebles, E. S. Courtright, May 4.
Mt. Pulaski No. 87.—Charles Thompson, March 21.
Hope No. 162.—James F. McCandless, April 4.
Mystic Tie No. 187.—Hiram D. McCoy, May 7.
Sheba No. 200.—Bradford R. Gilbert, April 15.
Horicon No. 244.—S. G. West, D. D. Culver, W. B. Cummings, Spencer Baker, J. C. Jarvis, G. P. Lord, J. M. Lackey, Jas. Murry, S. F. Wheeler, A. Worthington, James M. McCrea.

Aurora No. 254.—O. C. Hinds, M. Ferguson, R. W. Hoyt, May 13.
Palatine No. 314.—Ira D. Buck, May 30.
Arcola No. 366.—R. W. Surbey, A. Miller, J. Easton, D. C. Hostetter.
Isaac Underhill No. 375.—C. H. Slemmer, April 17.
Oconee No. 392.—Lewis Hill, May 1.
Hesperia No. 411.—Wm. J. Maitland, April 22.

EXPULSIONS.

Waukegan Lodge No. 78.—Henry H. Boyce, April 6.
Perry No. 95.—E. H. Bentley (E. A.), March 7.
Marcelline No. 114.—Geo. W. Dorsett, March 7.
Bloomfield No. 148.—W. B. Bailey, N. B. Stage, April 4.
Vienna No. 150.—James M. Culp, March 3.
Abingdon No. 185.—F. McK. McDonald, agent for Chicago Scale Company, May 5.

Kilwinning No. 311.—Chas. W. Wentworth, May 7.
Noble No. 362.—Thomas Wakefield, R. S. Rowland, March 5.
Stratton No. 408.—P. B. Rippetoe (E. A.), March 7.
Chebanse No. 429.—A. W. Pratt, March 14.
Odin No. 503.—Joseph S. Holley, March 4.
O. H. Miner No. 506.—Calvin Treadway, April 25.
Tonawanda No. 542.—S. G. Lane (F. C.), April 3.

REJECTIONS.

Bodley Lodge No. 1.—Louis Landbur, Jr., Leonard Schmitt, March 2; Thomas W. Young, April 20.
Harmony No. 3.—J. F. Barron, W. O. Dresback, W. H. Barnes, J. S. Sevier, March 16.

Kaskaskia No. 86.—John K. Wright, A. G. Phegy, April 4.
Havana No. 88.—John C. Page, William Davies, March 2; Geo. Hoagland, April 6.
Jerusalem Temple No. 90.—William Johnson, W. H. Shephard.

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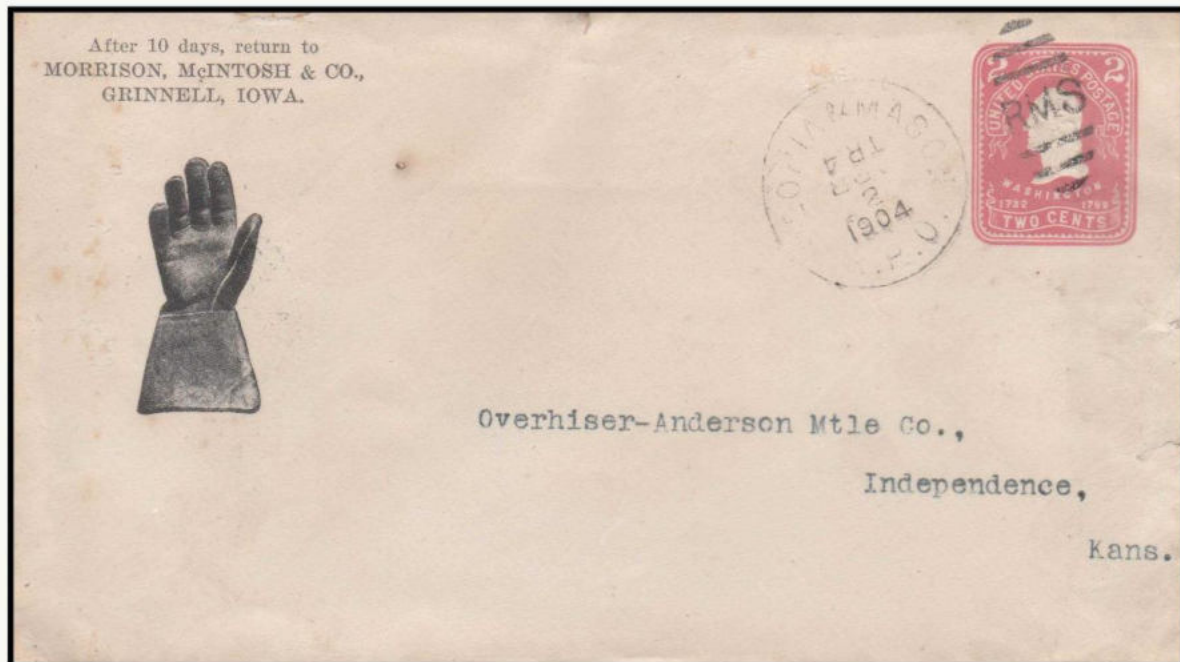
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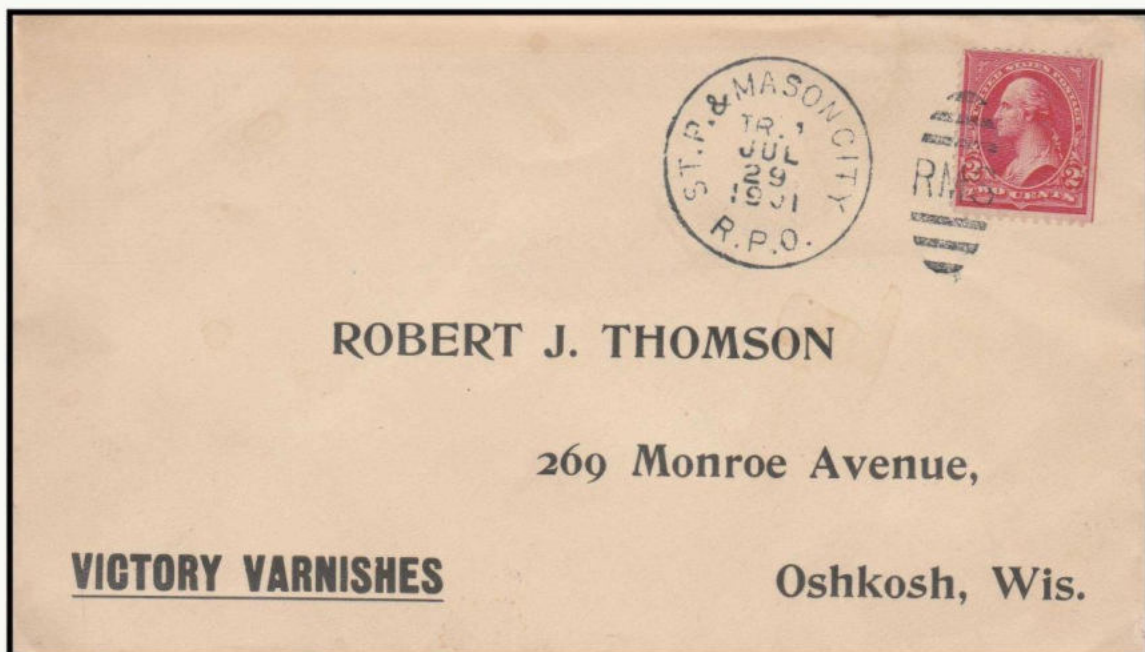


MASON & DIXON JAN / 25 / 1888 to CHAMBERSBURC. PA. JAN / 25



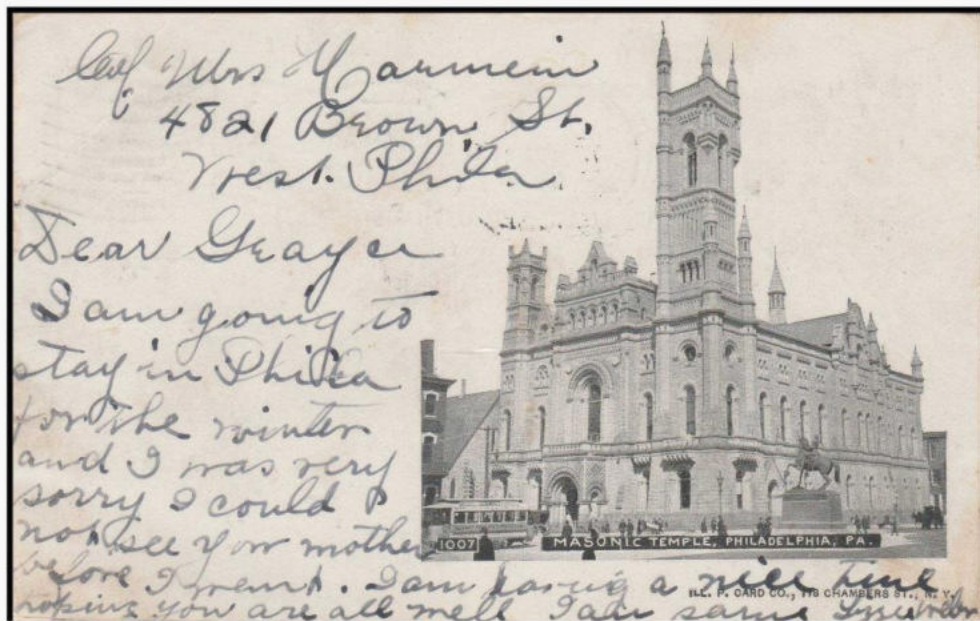
PEORIA & MASON R.P.O. APR. / 2 / 1904 + RMS to INDEPENDENCE APR 3 / 1904

ST.P. & MASON CITY R.P.O. JUL / 26 / 1901 + RMS

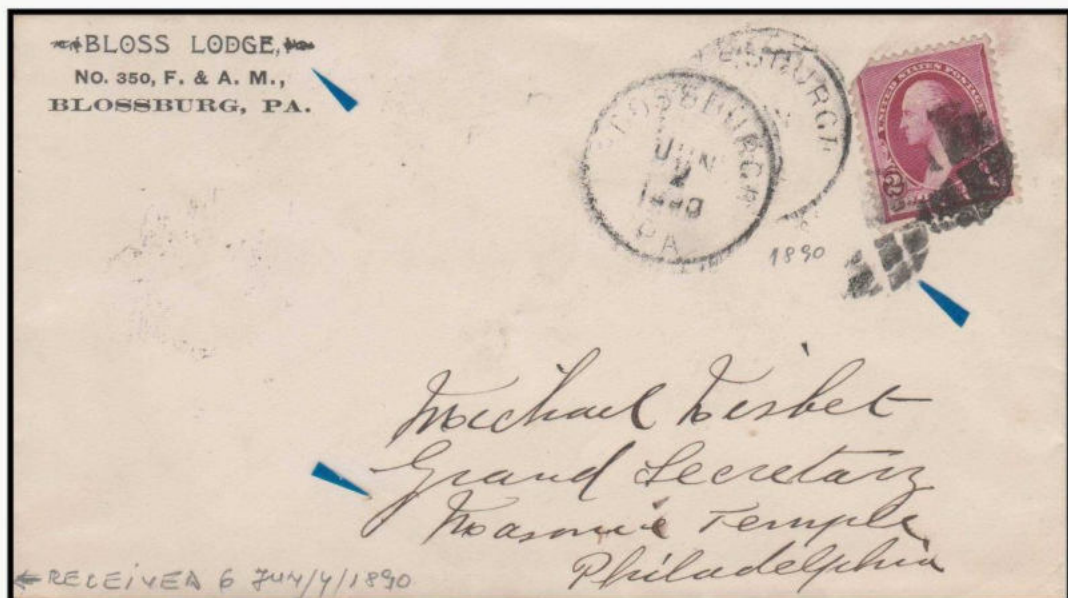




PHILADELPHIA PA. 4/NOV/1904 to NEW YORK N.Y. 6/NOV/1904
MASONIC TEMPLE PHILADELPHIA PA.



From BLOSS LODGE NO. 350, F. & A. M. – BLOUSSBURG PA. JUN/ 2 /1890 to
RECEIVED PHILA. JUN/ 3 / 1890 – Grand Secretary Masonic Temple Philadelpia



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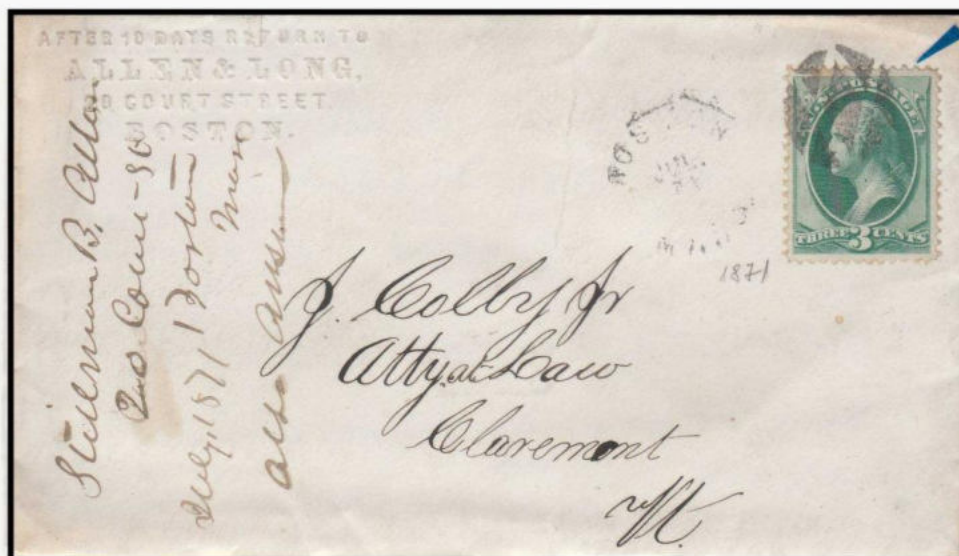
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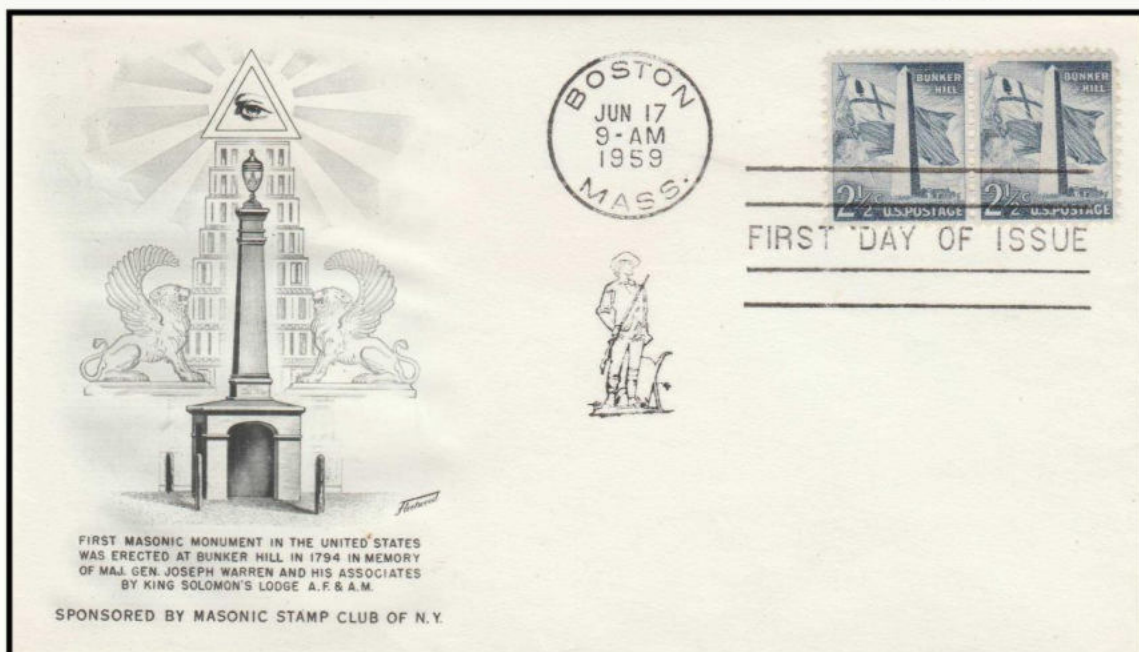


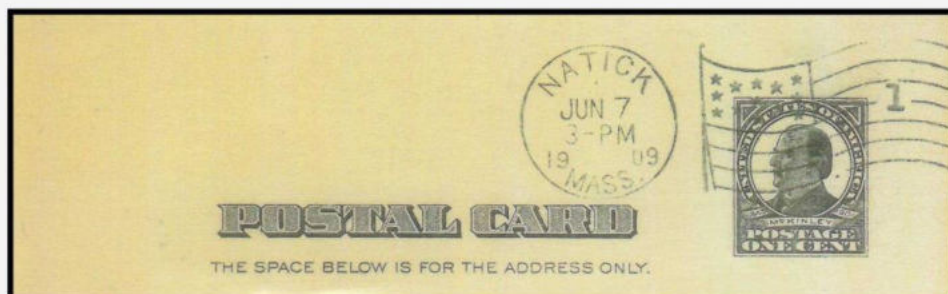
BOSTON MASS. NOV / 21 (1860'S), MASONIC CANCEL



BOSTON MASS. JUL / 21 / 1871, MASONIC CANCEL

BOSTON MASS. JUN / 17 / 1959 (MASSACHUSETTS), FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
 MASONIC MONUMENT IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ERECTED AT
 BUNKER HILL IN 1794 IN MEMORY OF MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH WARREN
 AND HIS ASSOCIATES BY KING SOLOMON'S LODGE A.F. & A.M.





NATICK MASS. JUN 7 / 1909, FLAG CANCEL to *Newton, Mass.*

TAKAWAMBAIT LODGE NO. 59, I. O. O. F.

BROTHER:

There will be a special meeting of Takawambait Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., on **Sunday, June 13, 1909**, for the purpose of attending Memorial Services at the Unity Church, Natick.

Brothers will meet at the Hall at 10 A. M. Services at 10:30. Rev. George F. Pratt will conduct the Services. Please bring white gloves.

Per order

Erving I. Pendleton, N. G.

Myron E. Holbrook, Rec. Sec.



WASHINGTON D.C. APR 10 / 1895 to *City*

HIRAM LODGE, No. 10, F. A. A. M.

Washington, D. C., April 10, 1895.

Dear Sir and Brother:

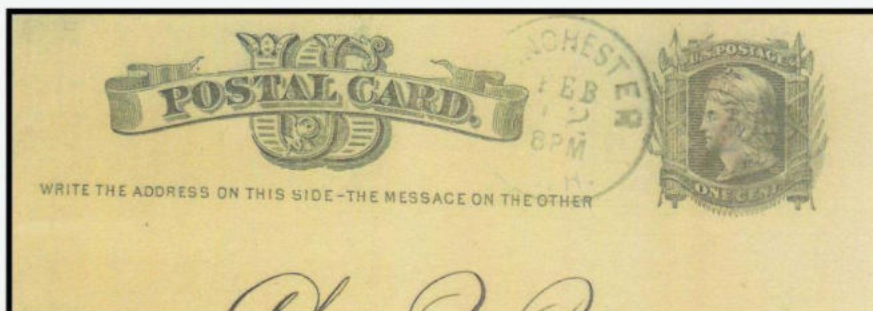
A special communication of Hiram Lodge, No. 10, F. A. A. M., will be held on Thursday, April 11th, instant, at 2.30 o'clock P. M., to attend the funeral of our late BRO. P. LOUIS RODIER, who died on Tuesday, April 9, 1895.

It is earnestly hoped that you will, by your presence, assist in sustaining the well-earned reputation of your Lodge.

By order W. M.:

JAMES W. WRENN,

Secretary.



MASONIC RELIEF ASSO PAID / FEB / 17 / 1880 MANCESTER N.H.

Office Hours:—8 to 12:30 A. M., 2 to 6 P. M., and Saturday evenings 7 to 9

ASSESSMENT NO. 38. EXPIRES MAR. 16, 1880. MEMBERSHIP, 731.

Masonic Mutual Relief Association, of Manchester, N. H.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, RIDDLE'S BLOCK, 88½ ELM ST.

Feb. 13, 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby notified that by the death of the following-named member of this Association, a special assessment of one dollar and ten cents is now due from you. Demand is hereby made for the payment of the same within 30 days from date.

NAME.	LODGE.	NO.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE.	DATE.	AGE.
John Butler	Ove Branch	16	Run over by cars.	Woodsville	Jan. 27.	47

JULIUS E. WILSON, Secretary.

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ERIE PA JAN / 14 (1878) to Springfield Mass.
LAKE SHORE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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Lake Shore Masonic Relief Association.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, ERIE, PA., JANUARY 5th, 1878.

<p>Assessments Nos. 48 and 49. Liable 1254.</p> <p>DEAR SIR & BRO.:—By the decease of Bro. JAMES T. McCULLUM, No. 1150, of Marquette Lodge, No. 101, of Marquette, Mich., which occurred at Marquette, Mich., on Dec. 5th, 1877, of Pneumonia, and Bro. GUSTAVUS AMES, No. 1304, of Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, of Rochester, N. Y., which occurred at Brooklyn, N. Y., on Dec. 7th, 1877, of Valvular Disease of the Heart, you are required to pay into the Treasury of this Association Two Dollars and Twenty Cents within Twenty Days from the date hereof.</p> <p>Remit promptly to EDWIN A. SIMONDS, Sec'y.</p>	<p>Assessment No. 50. Membership 1260.</p> <p>DEAR SIR & BRO.:—Bro. WILLIAM H. BRECHT, No. 389, of Forrest Lodge, No. 166, of Fredonia, N. Y., died at Warren, Pa., Dec. 31, 1877, of Typhoid Fever.</p> <p>This Assessment (No. 50) will be paid from the funds of the Association.</p> <p>2²⁰ Remittance must be in Erie on or before..... JAN. 25.</p>
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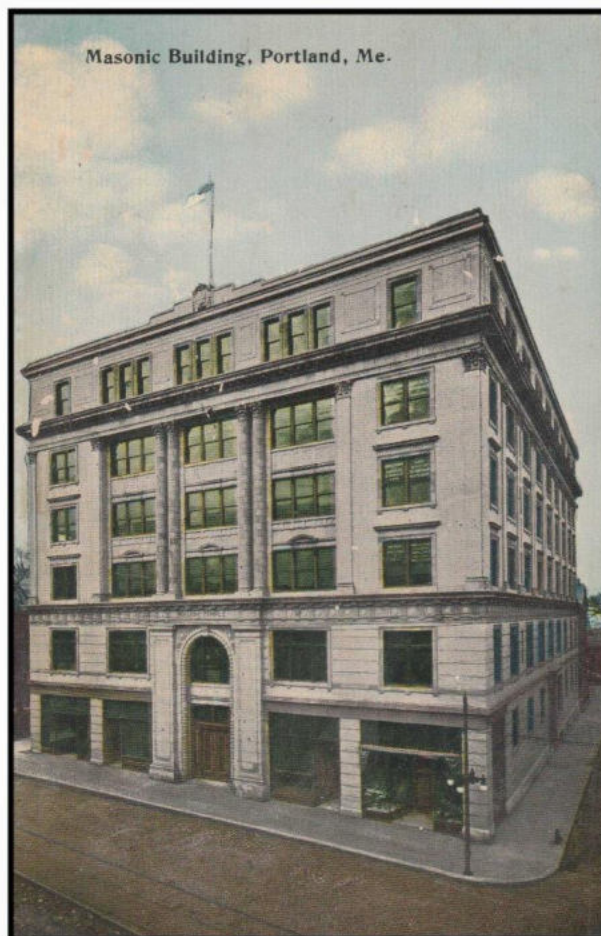
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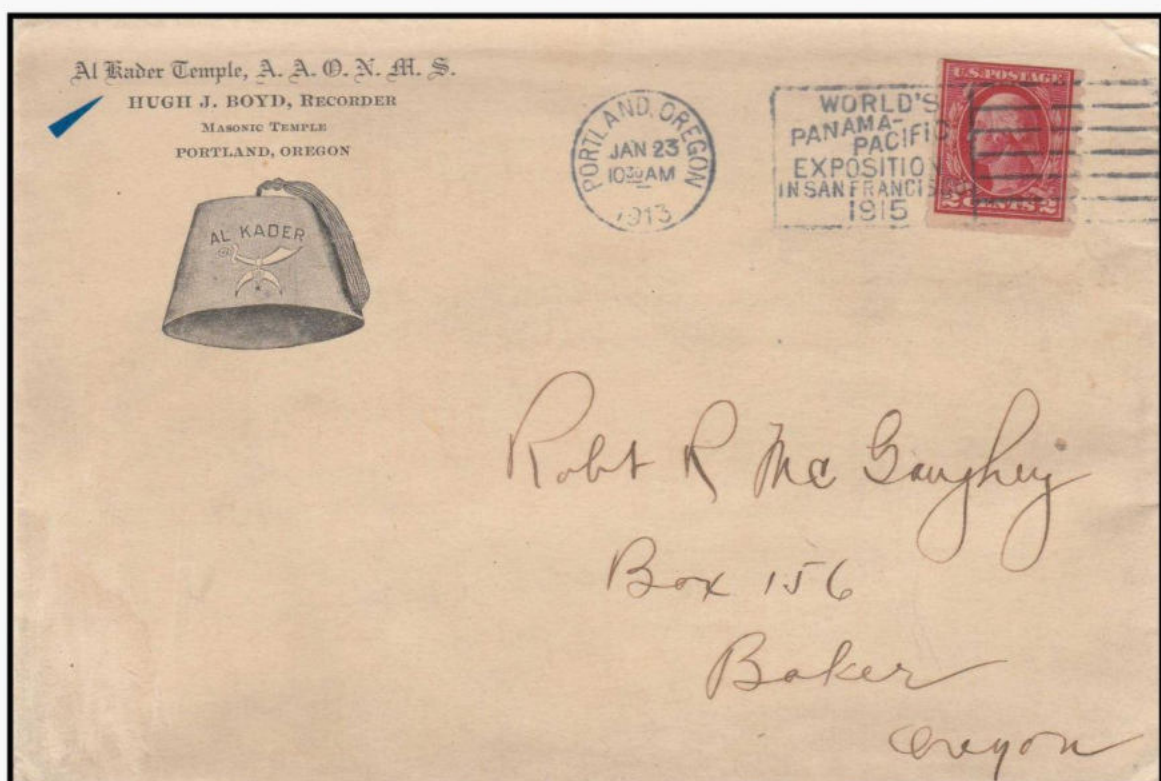
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Old Masonic Building Portland, Maine

The Masonry Temples, larger depending on the importance of the size of the lodges and the representation, include: offices for the commercial companies of the Freemasonry members, accommodation rooms, libraries, conference rooms, churches, rooms for discussion and relaxation, theaters and auditions, administrative offices for, educational rooms, rooms for activities of family members and the public.

PORTLAND OREGON JAN / 23 / 1913 +
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The Masonic Temple, New York City.

The Masonic Temple is located on the corner of Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street. It is a beautiful imposing temple dedicated to Masonic Fraternity most of the Masonic Lodges of the city have their loges room here. Is also contains a large auditorium and banquet halls where visiting lodges are entertained.

NEW YORK MAY 25 / 99 (1899)



THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE BIBLE

The Bible was "Printed by Mark Baskett, Printer to the King s Most Excellent Majesty, London 1767". There are numerous artistic engravings portray Biblical narratives from designis and paintings by old masters and engraved by the celebrated English artist, John Stuart. The Bible was presented to the Lodge by Jonathan Hampton on November 28th, 1770, the nighthe was made Master.

THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE BIBLE



*Upon which George Washington took the Oath as
President of the United States*



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The Bible was presented to the Lodge by Jonathan Hampton on November 28th, 1770, the nighthe was made Master. Everything was ready for the administration of the oath of office to the president, George Washington, of the new government on April 30, 1789 when it was found that there had not been provided a Holy Bible on which the President elect could swear allegiance to the Constitution. Jacob Morton, who was Marshal of the parade and at that Master of St. John's Lodge, was standing close by, and, seeing the dilemma they were in, remarked that he could get the altar Bible of St. John's Lodge, which met at the "Old Coffe House",

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Naval Lodge No. 4



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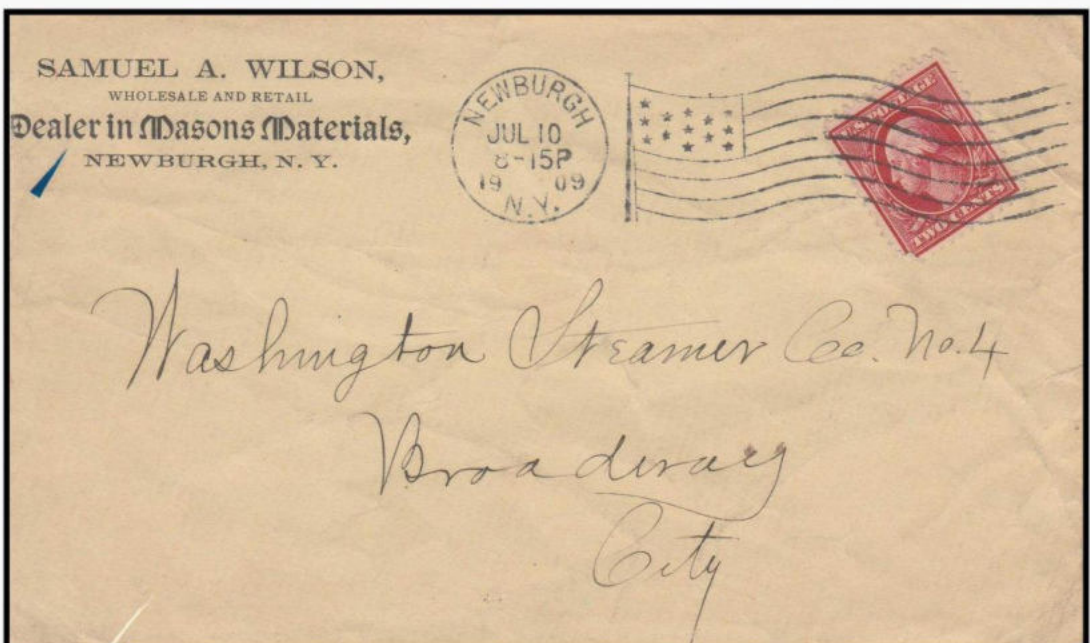
The Bible was brought, and the ceremony proceded. When the stately Washington had finished repeating oath, with his right hand resting on the open Book and his head bowed in reverential manner, he said, in a clear and distinct voice, "I swear, so help me God!" Then bowing ove his magnificent Bible, he reverently kisset Voice exclaimed "Long live George Washington, President of the United States !"

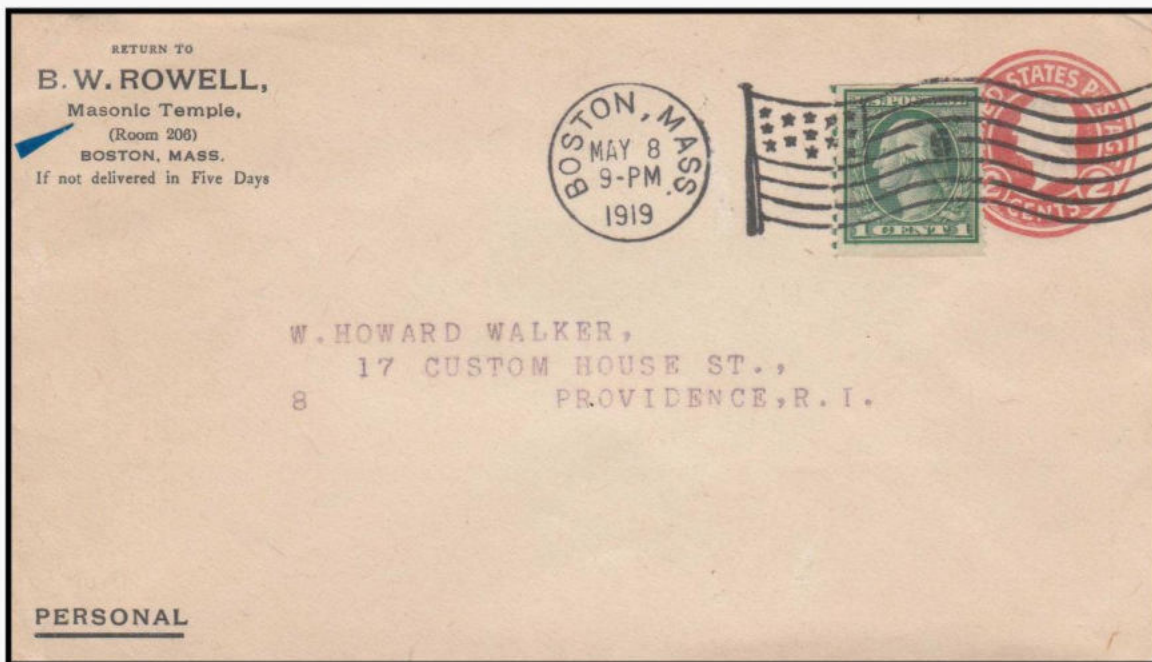


MASONIC TEMPLE, NEWBURGH, N.Y.

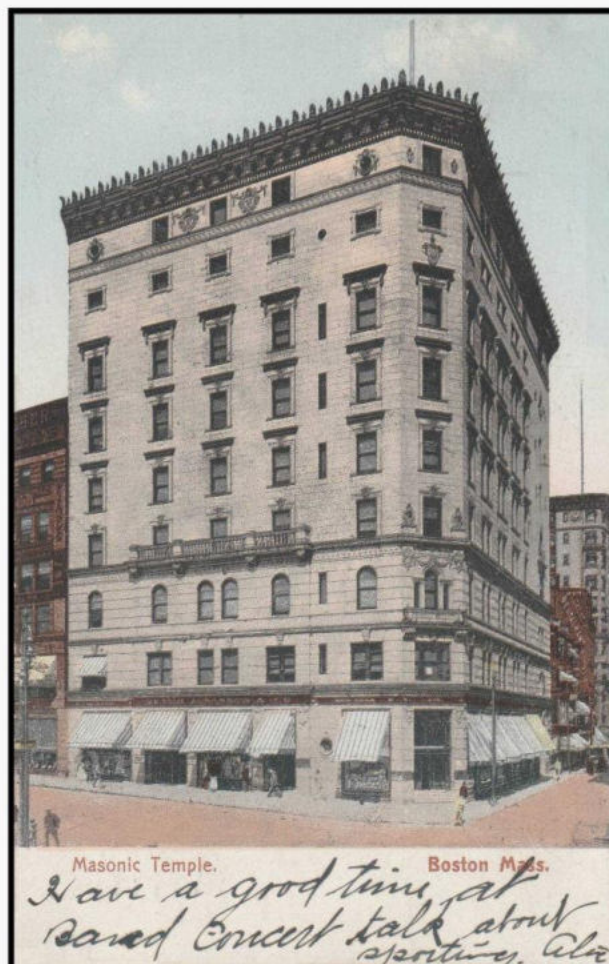
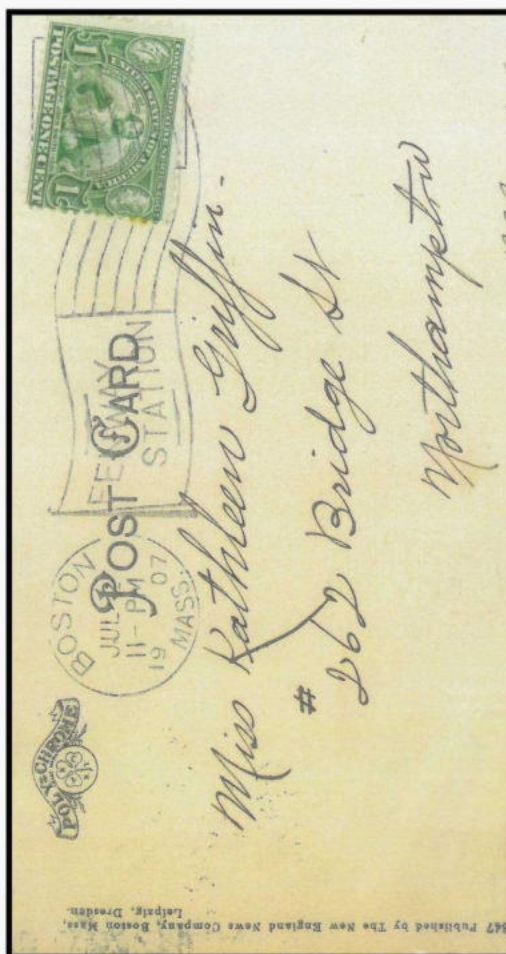
In situated on Grand St. near Broadway, and erected in 1915 at a cost of \$ 160.000. It is a devoted exclusively for Masonic purposes and is regarded as one of the most beautiful and complete buildings of its kind in the country.

NEWBURGH, N.Y. JUL / 10 / 1909 FLAG CANCEL



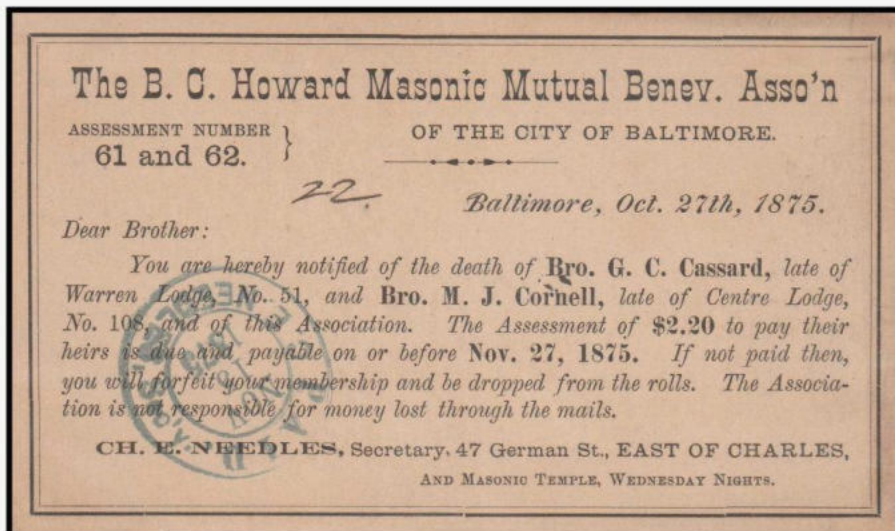


BOSTON MASS. MAY 8 / 1919 to PROVIDENCE, R.I. FLAG CANCEL
 BOSTON MASS. JUL 2 / 1907 + FENWAY / STATION to *Morthampetru Mass.*
 Masonic Temple, Boston Mass.





BALTIMORE OCT / 27 (1875) to NEEDLES NOV / 16 / 1875



BALTIMORE. MD AUG 16 / 1907 to NORFLOK. VA AUG 17 / 1907

Baltimore, Md. Masonic Temple

Masonic Temple, YOUNGSTOWN O. SEP 11 / 1912





SPRINGFIELD ILL. City (ILLINOIS) APR 27 / 1915 to City



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Tyrian Lodge No. 333, A. F. & A. M.

Stated Meetings Third Monday of Each Month.

Masonic Temple, Springfield, Ill.

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There will be a Meeting of Tyrian
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THURSDAY APR 29 1915 4:00 PM X

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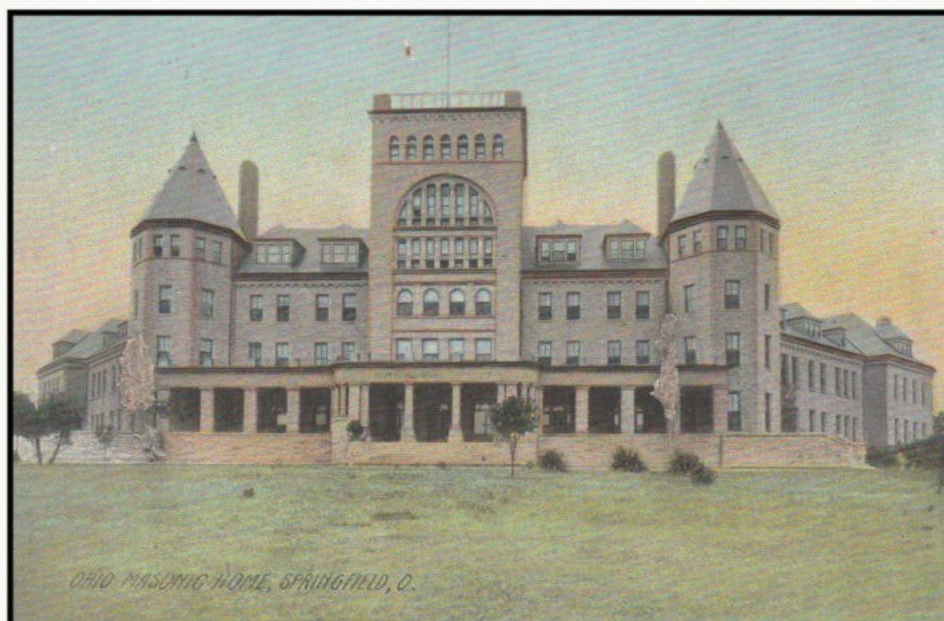
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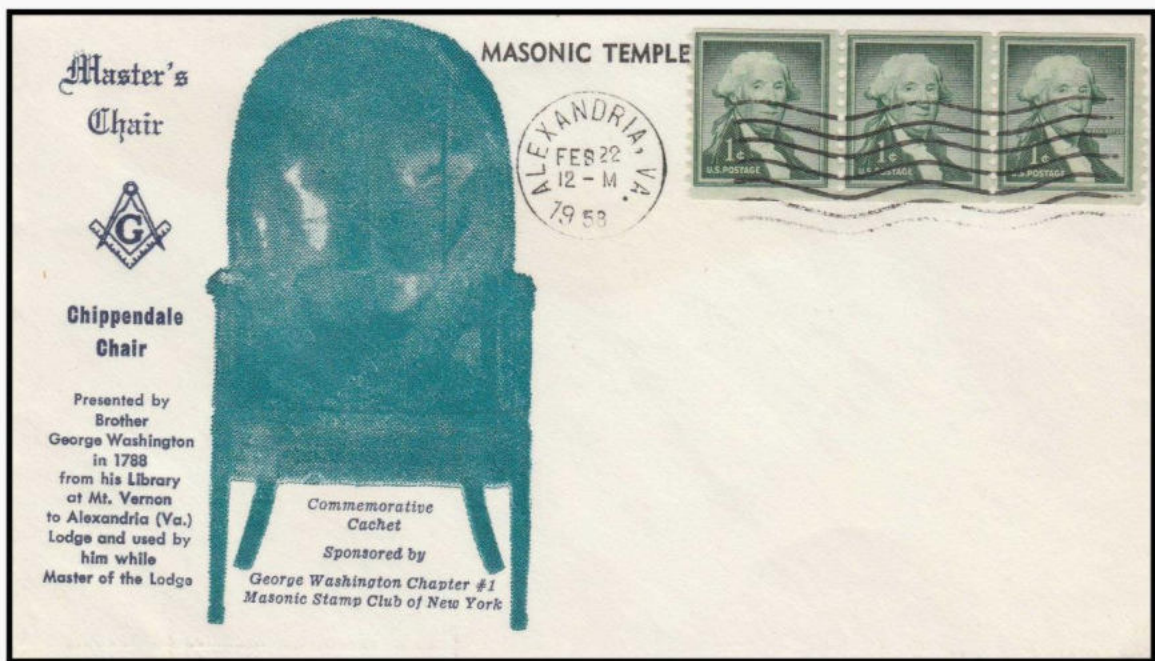
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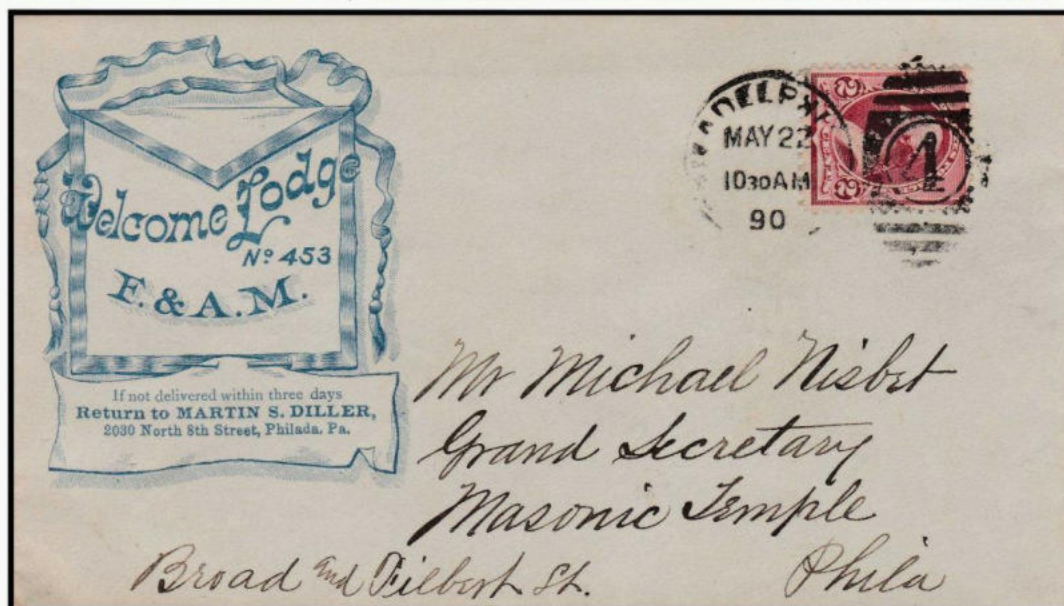
ALEXANDRIA, VA. FEB 22 / 1953

This Master's Chair was General Washington's Library Chair at Mount Vernon and was presented by him to Alexandria Lodge when he was made master of the Lodge at its institution in 1788, and was in constant use for the ensuing 118 years. Now kept in a glass case, and used only on special occasions. (1929'S)



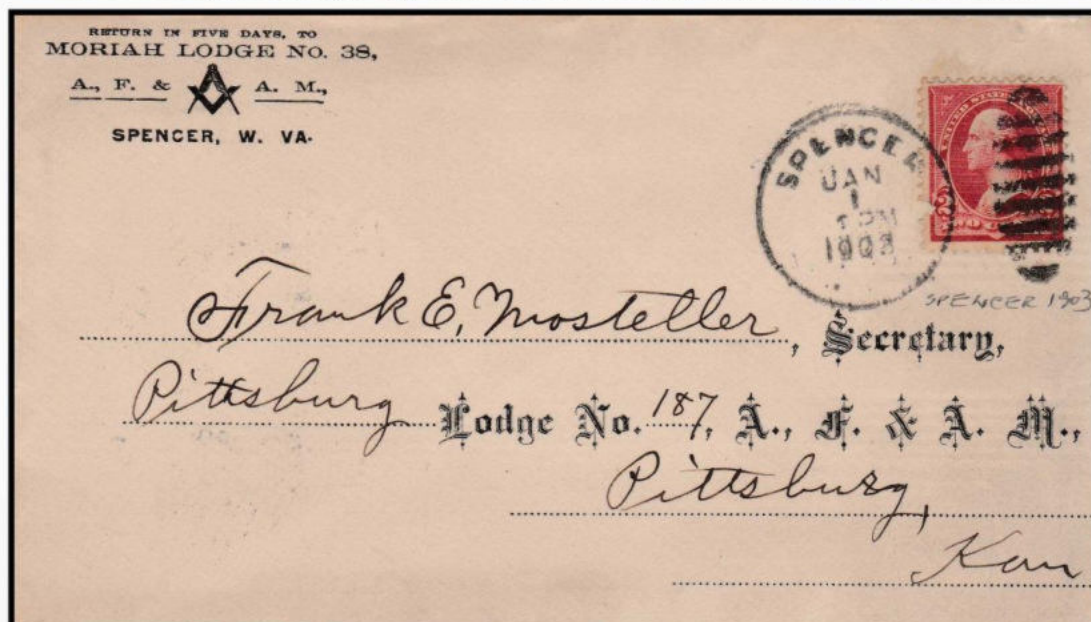


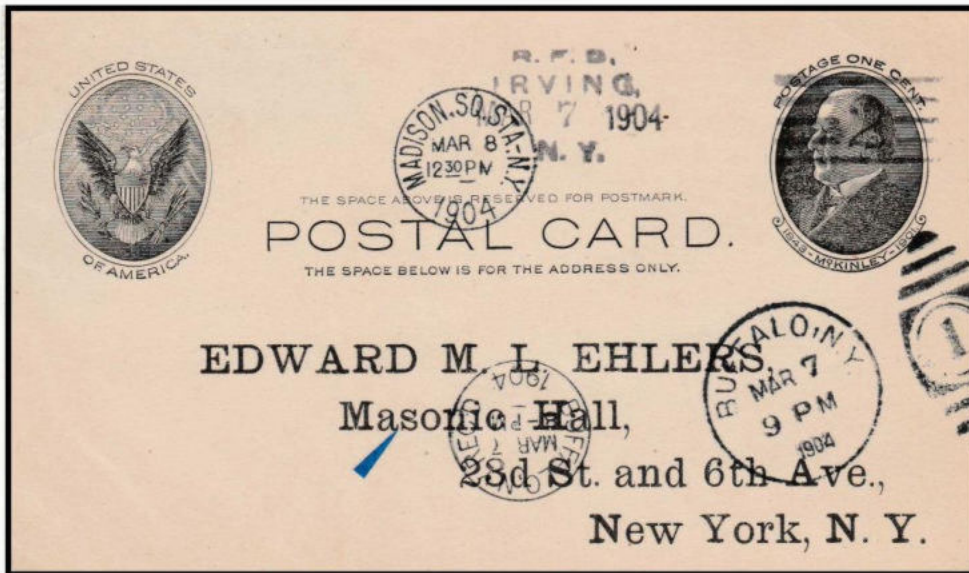
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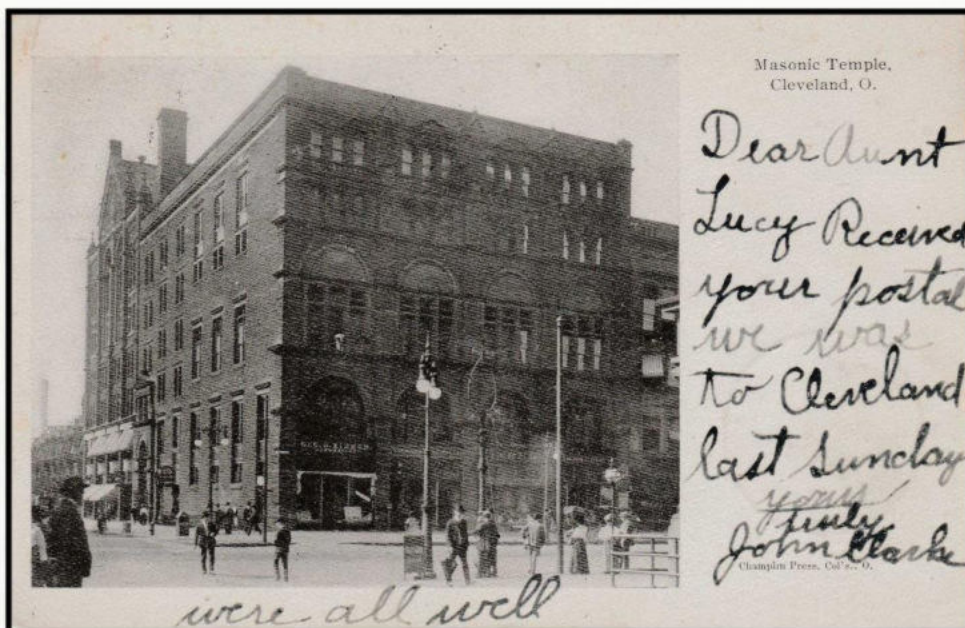
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to Secretary, Pittsburg Lodge No. 187, A.F. & A.M. PITTSBURG JAN 3 / 1903





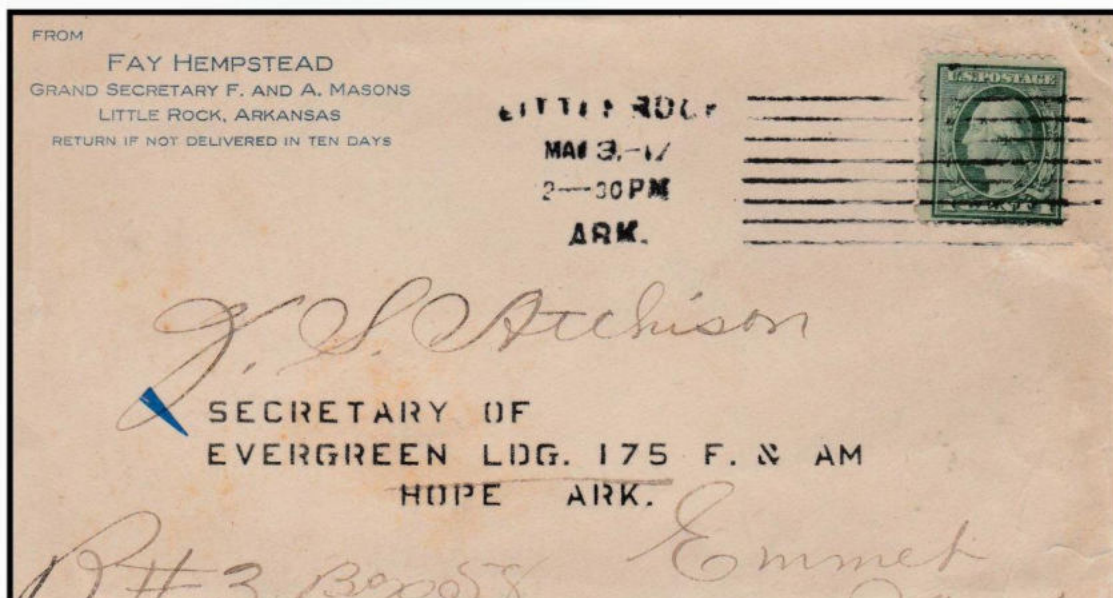
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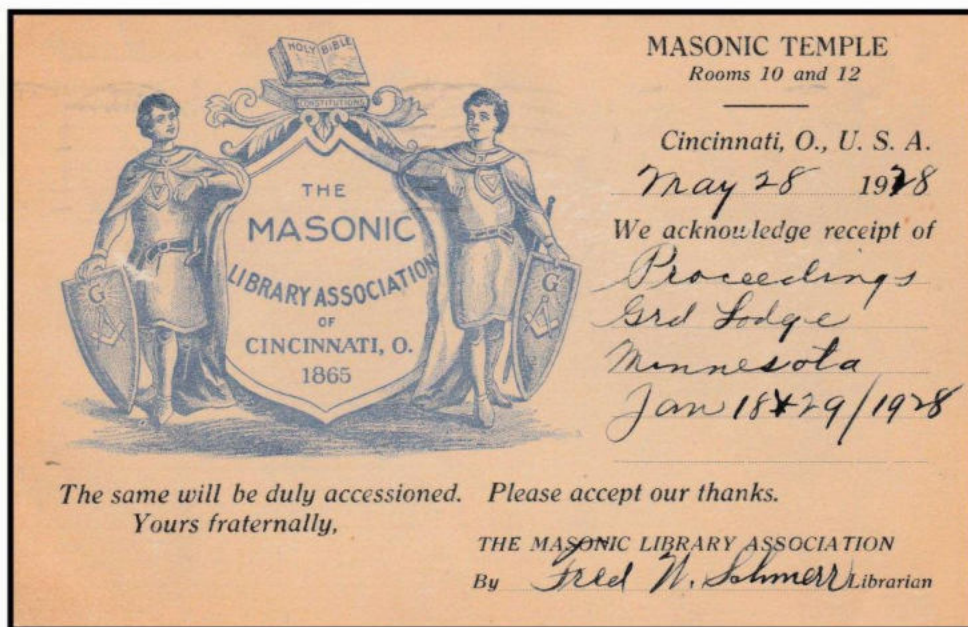


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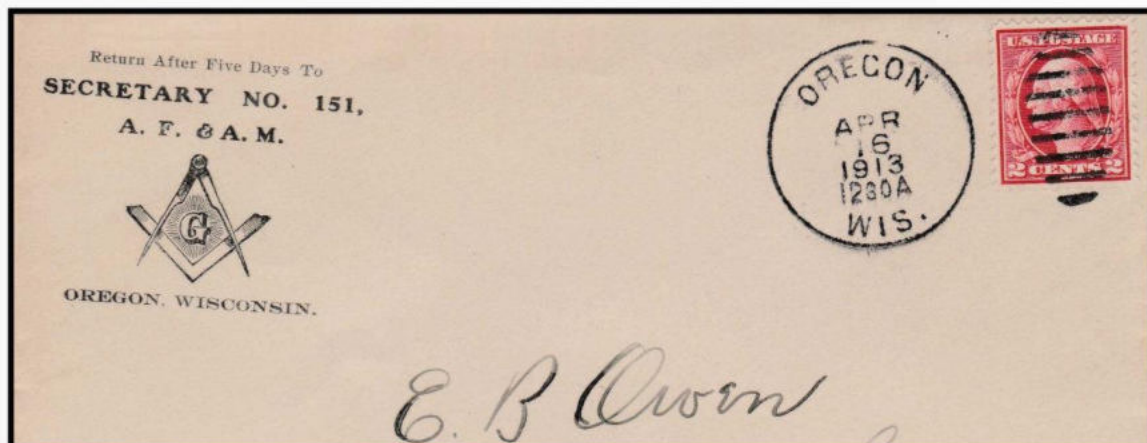
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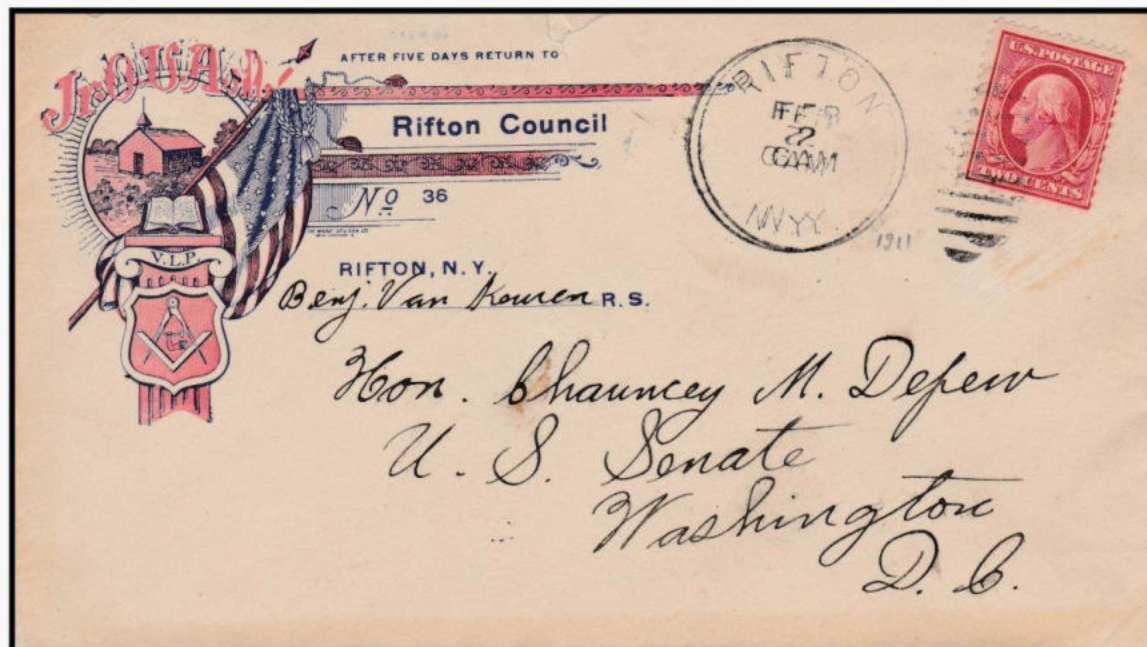


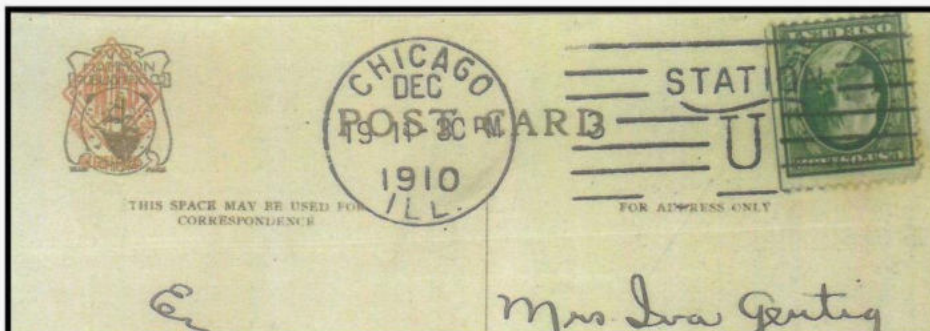
THE MASONIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI, O. JUN 3 / 1928



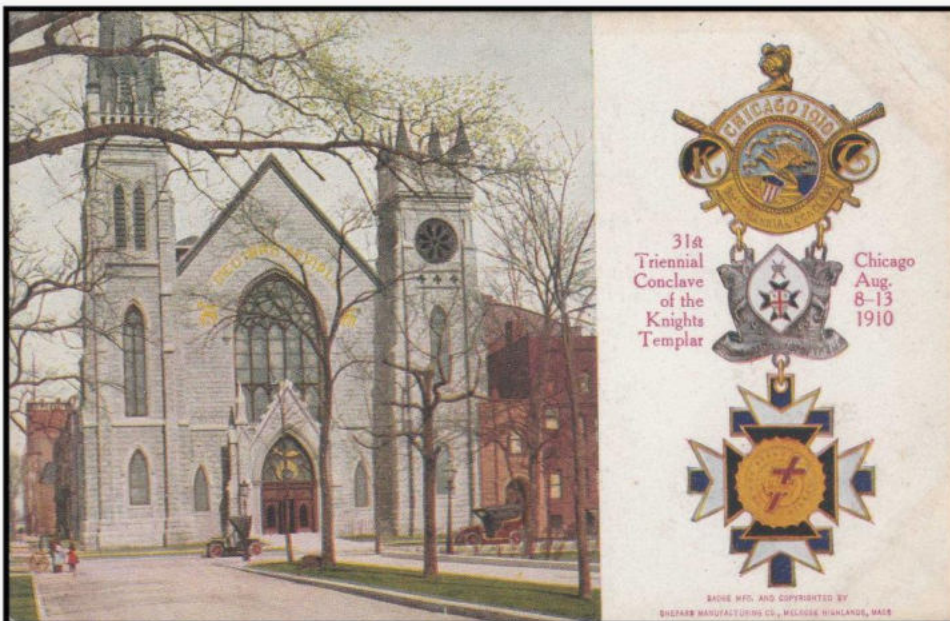
SECRETARY NO. 151, A.F. & A.M. OREGON WISCONSIN, OREGON WIS. APR / 16 / 1913

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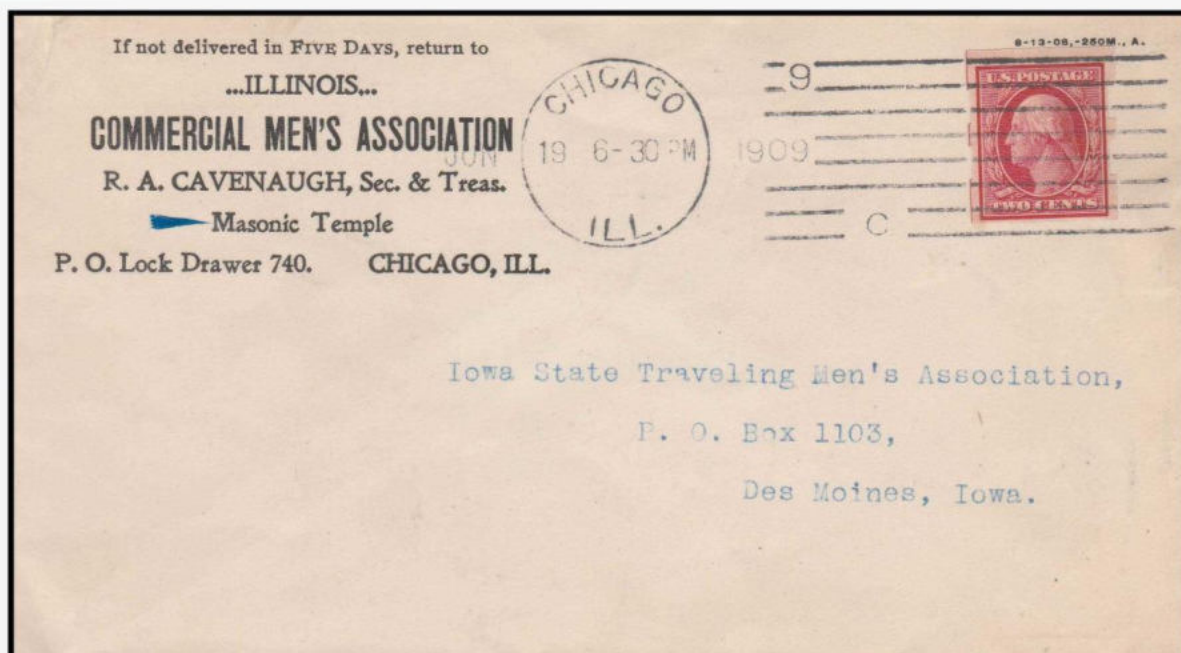


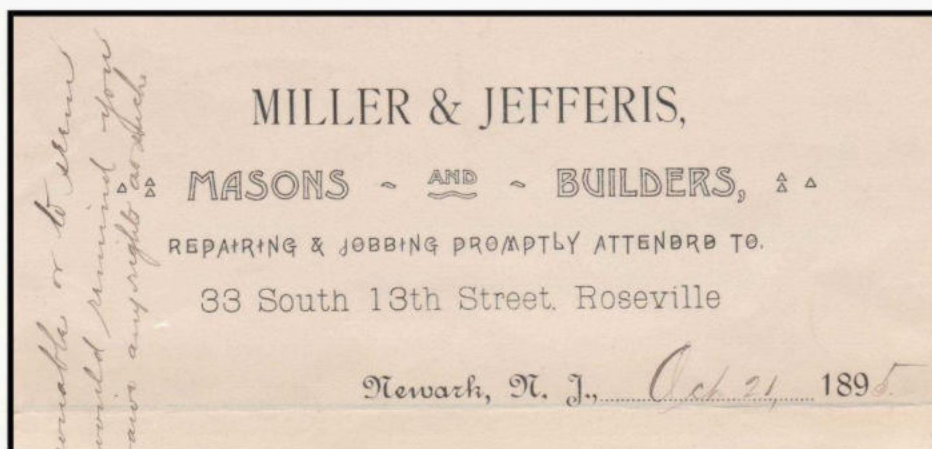


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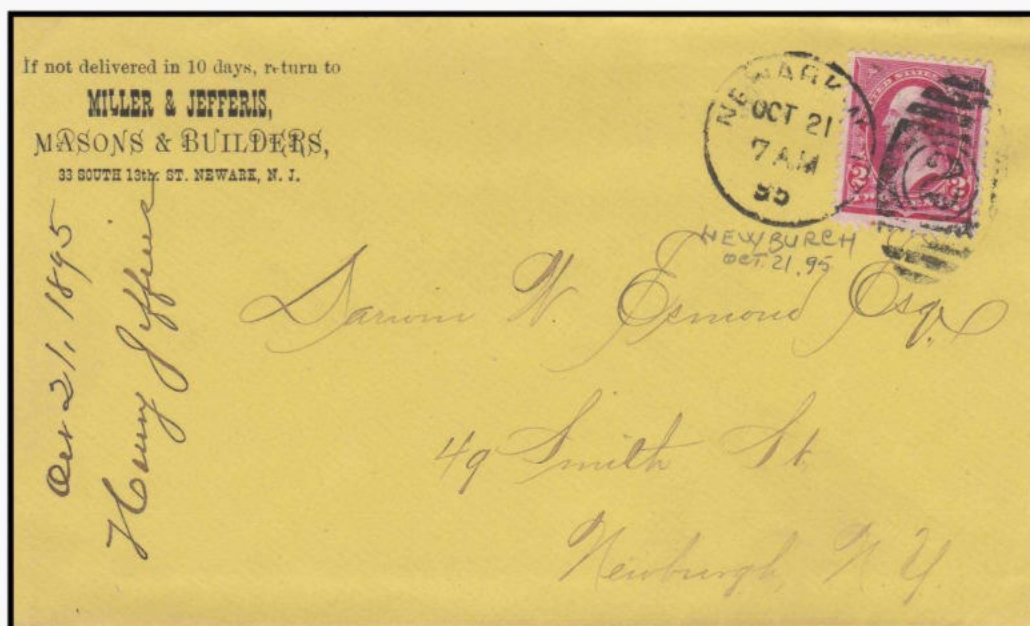


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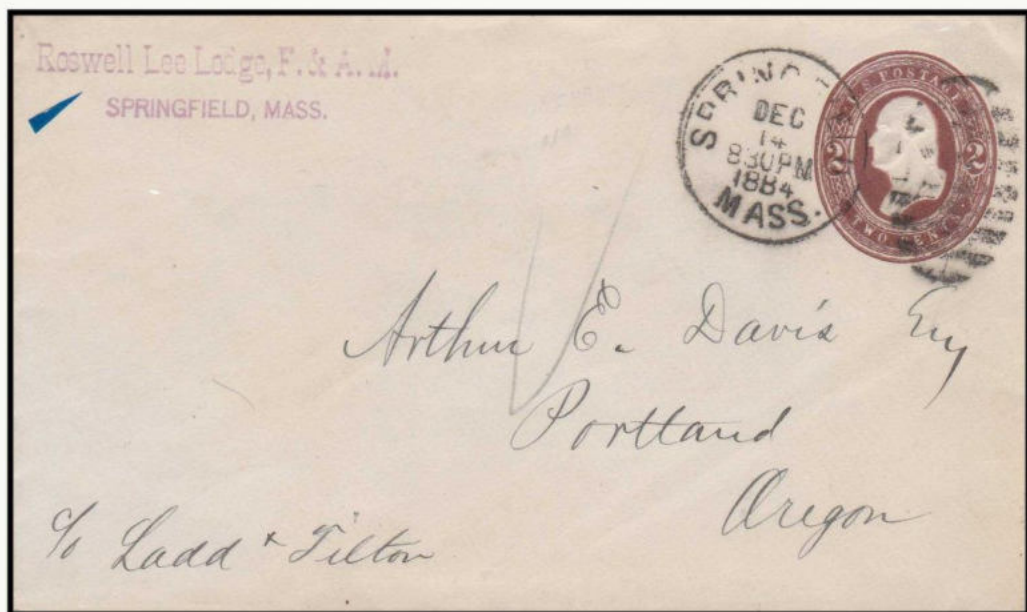


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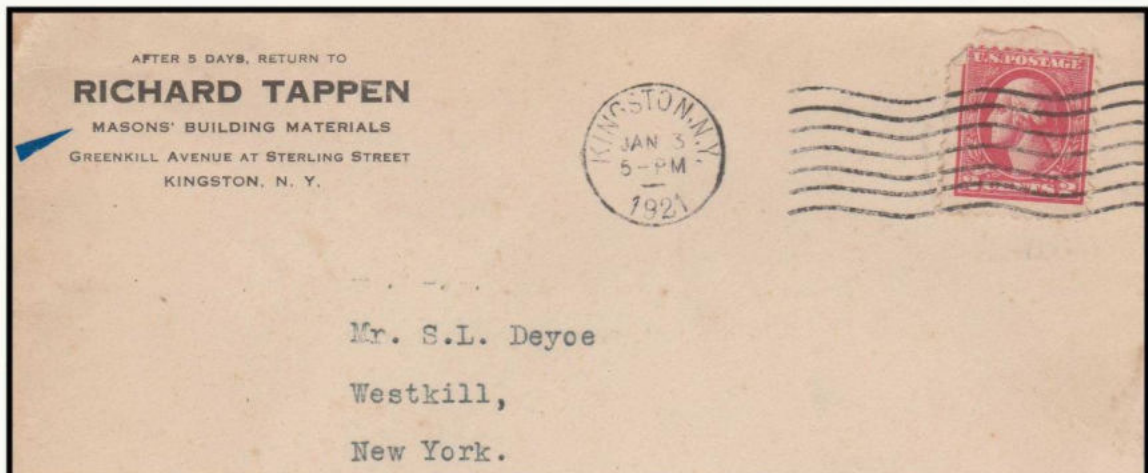


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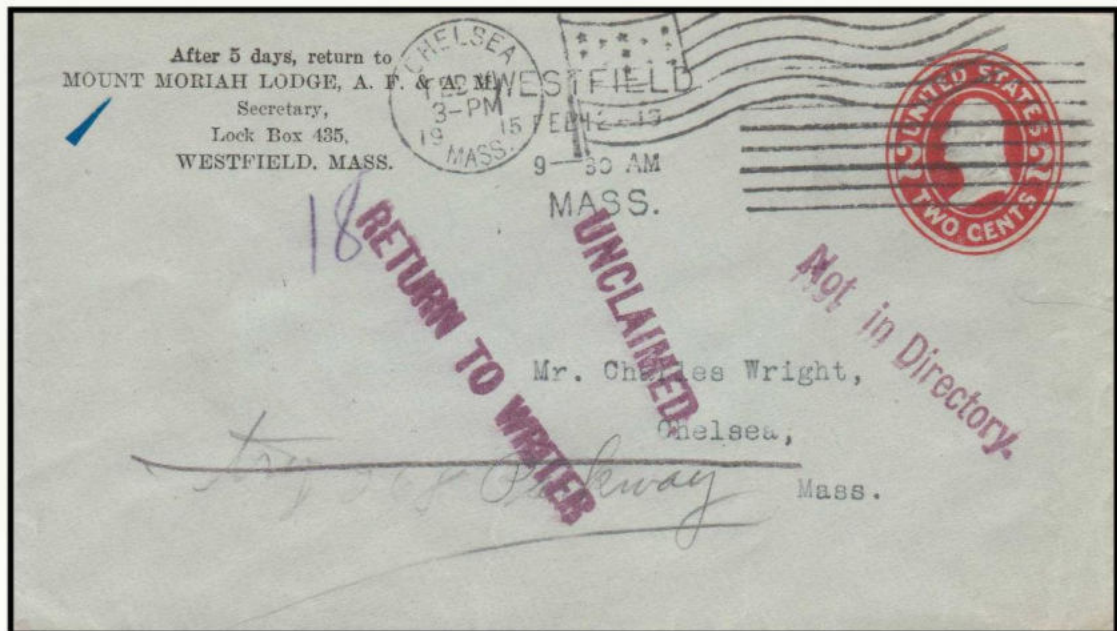


From Lee Lodge, F. & A.M. SPRINGFIELD, MASS. -
 SPRINGFIELD, MASS. DEC / 14 / 1884 to PORTLAND DEC / 15 / (1884)



From KINGSTON, N.Y. JAN 3 / 1921 to Westkill, New York

From MOUNT MORIAH LODGE A.F. & A.M., Secretary, RETURN
 WESTFIELD FEB 12 - 15 + CHELSEA MASS. FEB / 19 15 (1915)



1.3. HISTORICAL EVENT AND PERSONALITIES



Army and Navy Masonic Service Center—Masonic Temple, Battle Creek, Michigan

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This cover is the first in the Civil War Centennial series. The stamp shows an officer sighting a coast artillery gun, while the cover depicts the main battery at Fort Sumter firing on Fort Moultrie and the Channel during to action of Friday, April 12, 1861. General Robert Anderson (1805–1871) is feautered in the military uniform he wore at the surrender of Fort Sumter. Fort Sumter was the "Pearl Harbor" of the War Between the States. The dramatic events enacted here in 1861 did on occur by sudden impulse, but Responsibility was very largely in the hands largely in the hands of one man, the commanding officer, Major General Robert Anderson. General Anderson was Southerner who did his duty, as he saw it, in his responsnsibility as a Union officer. It is a dramatic chapter out of American history.

CHARLESTON S.C. APR 12 / 1961

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



Main battery at Fort Sumter firing on Fort Moultrie and the Channel during action of Friday, April 12, 1861

Because it so largely concerns General Anderson, it has a special interest to the Masonic fraternity. He was a member of Mercer Lodge # 50 of Trenton, N.J., having been made a Master Mason on May 27, 1958. He was elected its Senior Warden in 1859. He later became an Honorary Member of Pacific Lodge # 233 of New York City, and was a life member of Columbian Commandery Lodge # 1 of New York City, where he received the Templar Degree on Jan. 16, 1863.



MASONIC CACHETS
FIRST DAY COVER



Battle of New Orleans

JAN. 8, 1965

GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON — He led his troops into this engagement which ended with the British withdrawal Jan. 18th.

Initiated in Harmony Lodge No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. Royal Arch Mason who served the Grand Chapter of Tennessee as Deputy Grand High Priest in 1826.

He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1822, being the first President to hold this high office.



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General Andrew Jackson (1815–1865) he led his troops into this Battle of New Orleans which ended with the British withdrawal Jan. 18th, 1865. Initiated in Harmony Lodge No.1, Nashville, Tennessee. Royal Arch Mason who served the Grand Chapter Tennessee as Deputy Grand High Priest in 1826. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1822, being the first President to holdd this high office.

FREDERICKSBURG VA. JAN / 8 / 1965 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



MASONIC CACHETS
FIRST DAY COVER



Battle of the Wilderness

MAY 5, 1964

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK — Union General who held Confederate forces to a stalemate in Battle Of The Wilderness fought on May 5.

Hancock received all three of his Masonic degrees by special dispensation in Charity Lodge No. 190 of Norristown, Pa., on Oct. 31, 1860 while on leave from army.

He was also a member of Norristown Chapter No. 190, R.A.M. and Hutchinson Commandery No. 32 K.T., both of Norristown, Pennsylvania.



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WASHINGTON, DC JUL / 4 / 1971 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia by the delegates of 13 North American states. The main craftsman of the Declaration of Independence was Thomas Jefferson (he was not a mason).

Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence



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Geot. Walton *John Hancock* *Rich. Stockton*
Benj. Franklin *Sam. Adams* *John Jay*
Wm. Ellery *Joseph Hewes* *Wm. Thompson*
Art. Heat Painter

PILADELPPIA, PA. JUL / 4 / 1976 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Following numerous and repeated discussions, the document was signed by 56 Founding Fathers and is on display at the National Archives in Whashington D.C. Of the 56 signatories 9 were Masons, the most famous being Bejamin Franklin and John Hancock. July 4 became the National Day of the United States of America. The painting by John Turumbull is famous.

WASHINGTON, DC SEP / 2 / 1983 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Treaty of Paris

Granting the United Colonies their independence and establishing its boundaries.



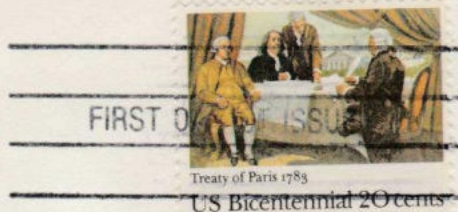
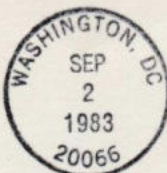
John Jay



John Adams



B. Franklin



Treaty of Paris 1783

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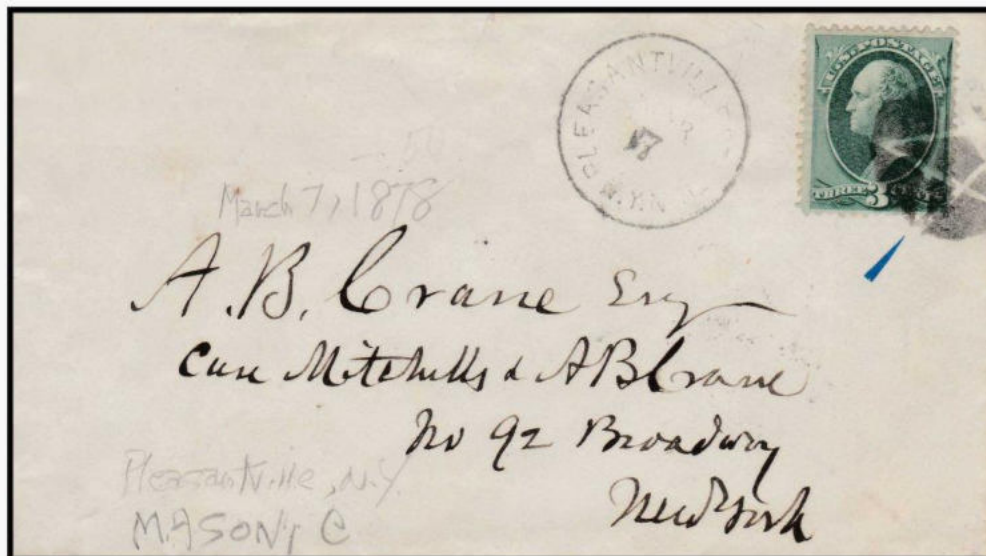


Treaty of Paris 1783 Division
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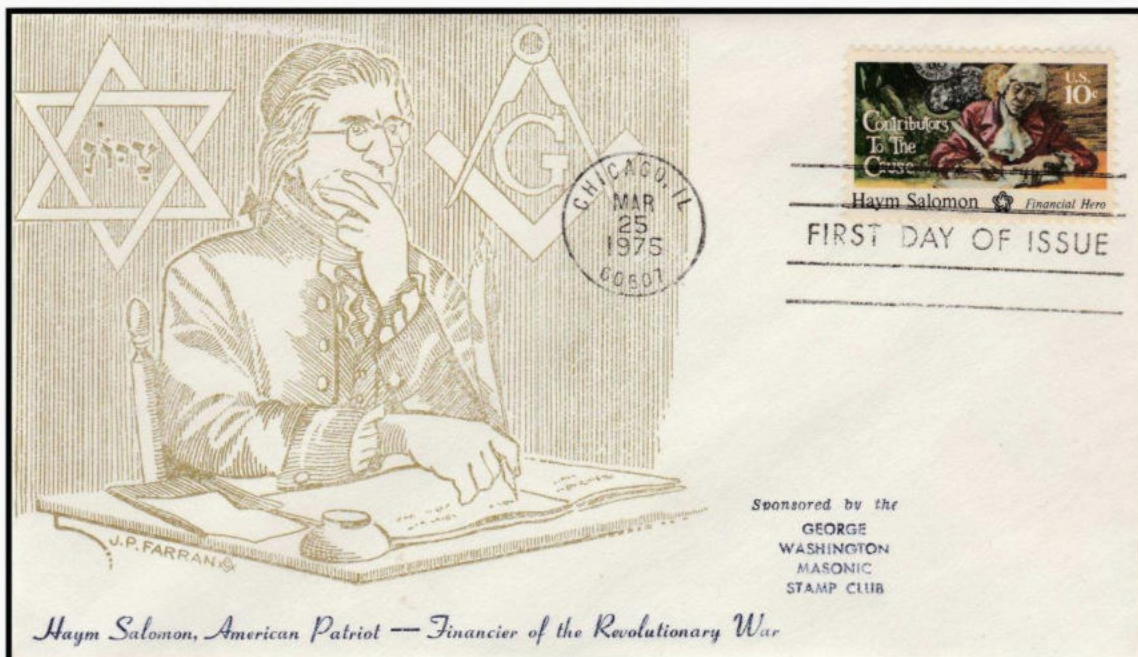
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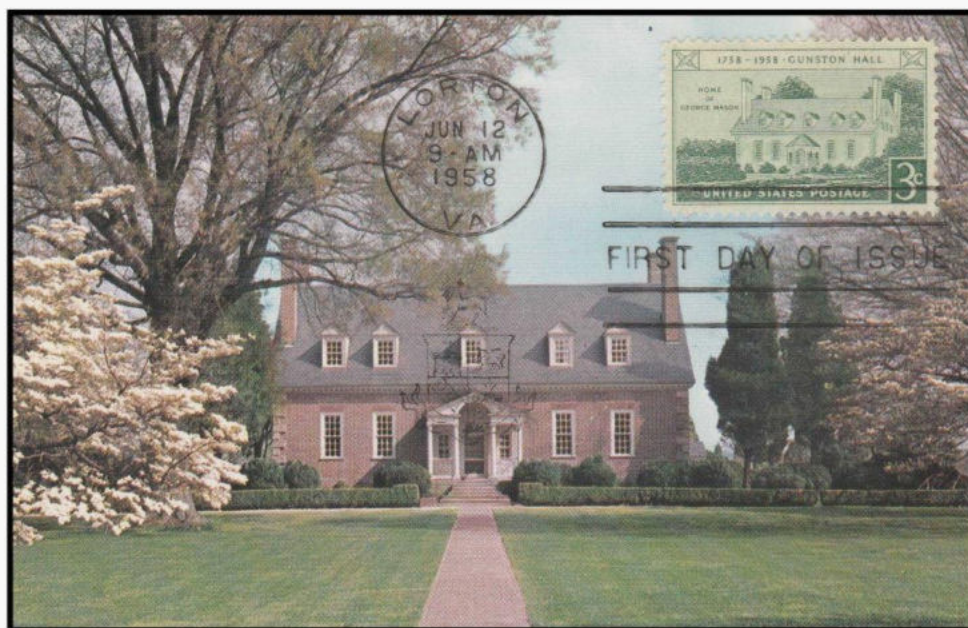
PLEASANTVILLE N.Y. MAR 7 / 1878, MASONIC STAR FANCY CANCEL
to NEW YORK MAR 7 / (1878), Broadway N.Y

Haym Salomon was proposed for membership Lodge No.2 Philadelphia, Penna on June 21, 1764, received the first two degrees on June 23, and raised August 9, 1784. Haym Salomon was born in Poland of Jewish- Portuguese parents in 1740. An advocate of Polish independence, he had fled to England in 1772, and then to America, where he opened a brokerage office in New York City. He was in New York City only a few months before he joined the Sons of Liberty, group of revolutionary patriots, and was twice arrested and imprisoned by British.

CICAGO IL. MAR / 25 / 1975 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



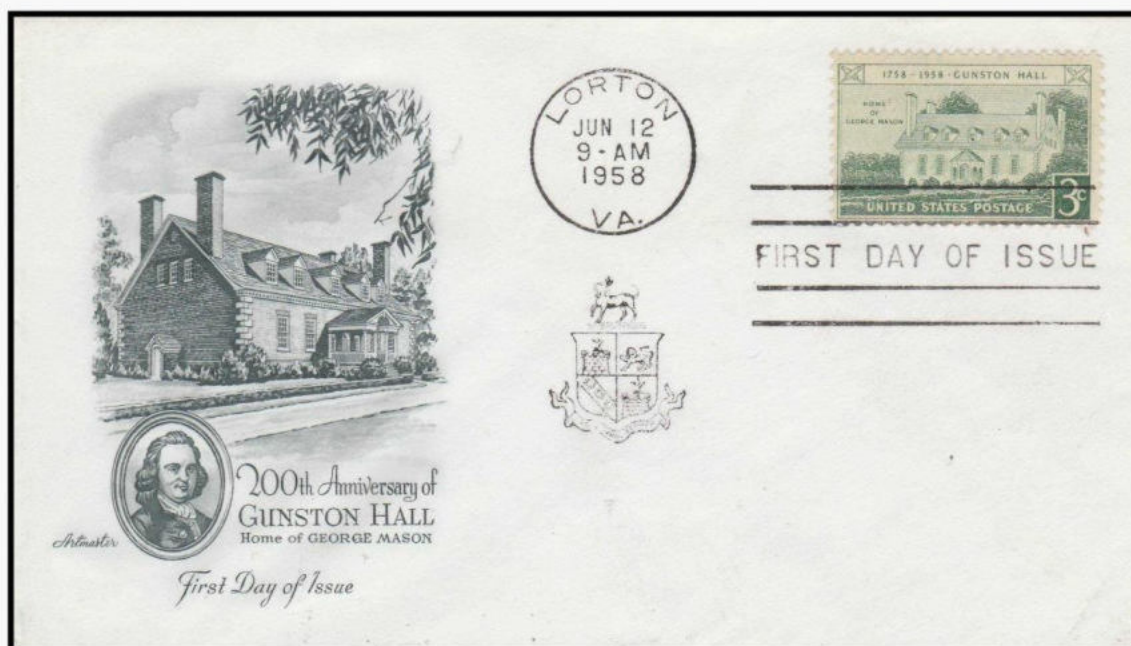
Later Philadelphia, where he again began a brokerage business, he amassed a large fortune, subsequently devoting it gave generously of his own resources to pay the of Government officials and officers. After the war, Salomon was almost penniless and died in 1785, before he could rebuild his business. Haym Salomon is shown in the company of Robert Morris and George Washington as one of the subjects of Lorado Taft's Great Triumvirate of Patriots monument in Chicago, Illinois.



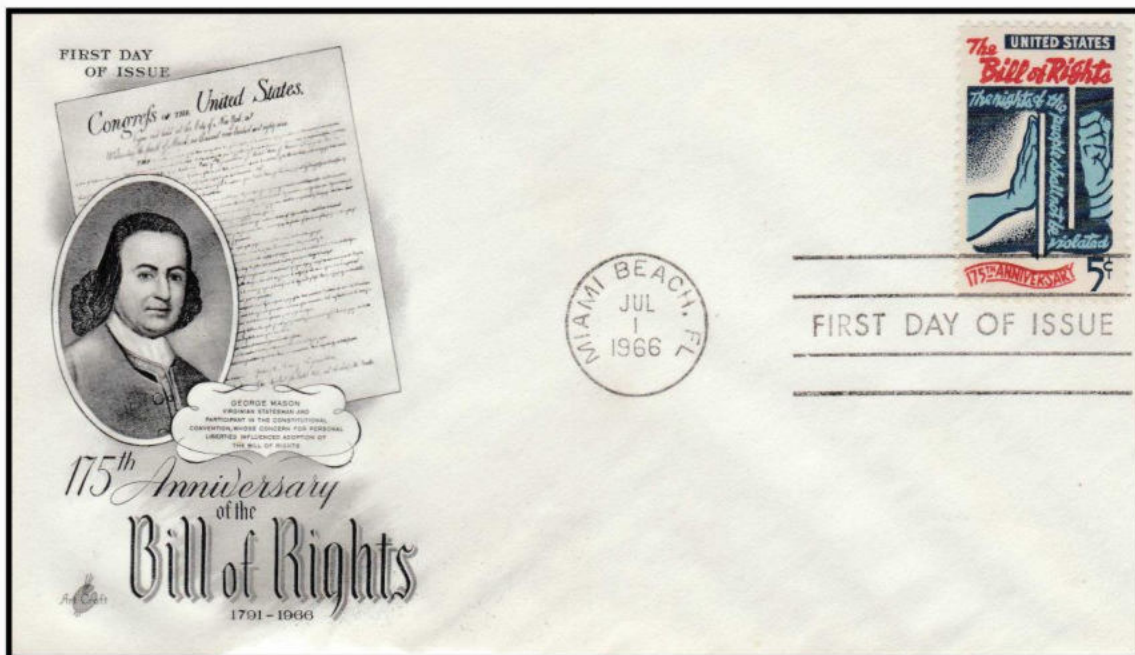
LORTON VA. JUN 12 / 1958 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

George Mason, born and raised in Virginia, he inherited several large estates along the Potomac River and became a fast friend of neighbor George Washington. In 1774, his Fairfax Resolves set the tone of Virginia's resistance to Britain.

LORTON VA. JUN 12 / 1958 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



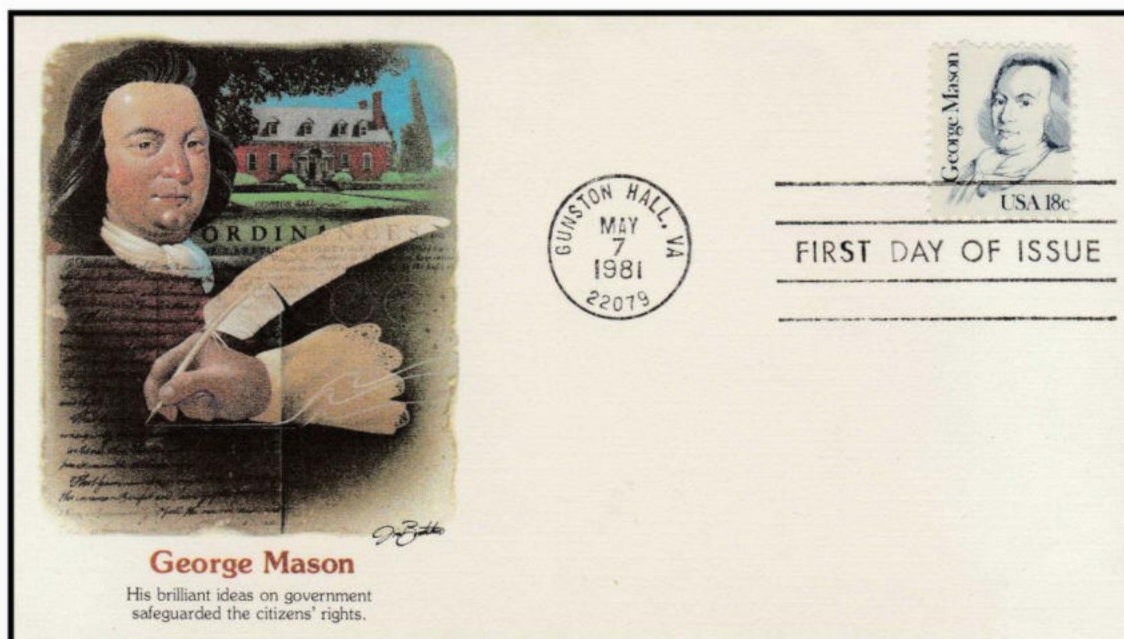
A year later, he served in the Virginia Convention and so impressed his fellow delegates, they selected him as part of their Continental Congress delegation. But true to his pattern, Mason refused the honor just as he steadfastly declined higher offices in his reluctant role as statesman.



MAIAMI BECH, FL. JUL / 1 / 1966 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

However he continued to offer insighyful suggestions to his fellow Virginians. When Virginia convenend her 1776 Convention, Mason s drafts of the Declaration of Rights and Constitution were nothing short of brilliant, and became models for other emerging states.

LORTON VA. JUN 12 / 1958 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

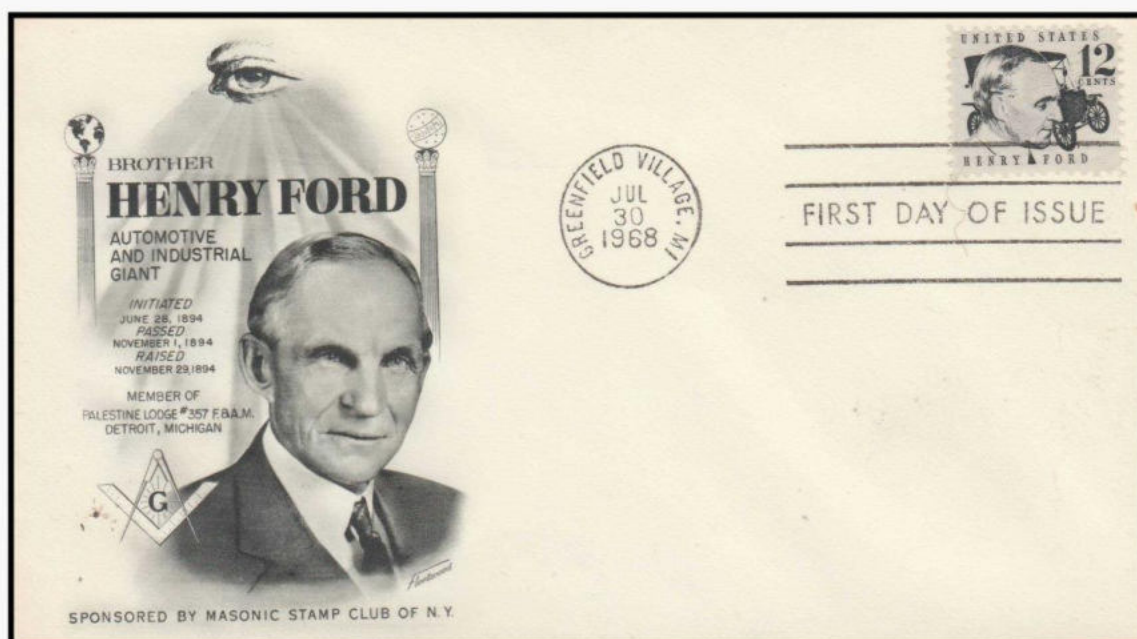


Though he declined many offers to represent Virginia at national gatherings, he did attend the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1787 and contribued many great ideas to the U.S. Constitution. Still, he refused to sign the document, contending that major revisions were necessary. However, when the Federal Bill of Rights was added, Mason conceded that, "I could chearfully put my hand and heart to the new gouvernment."

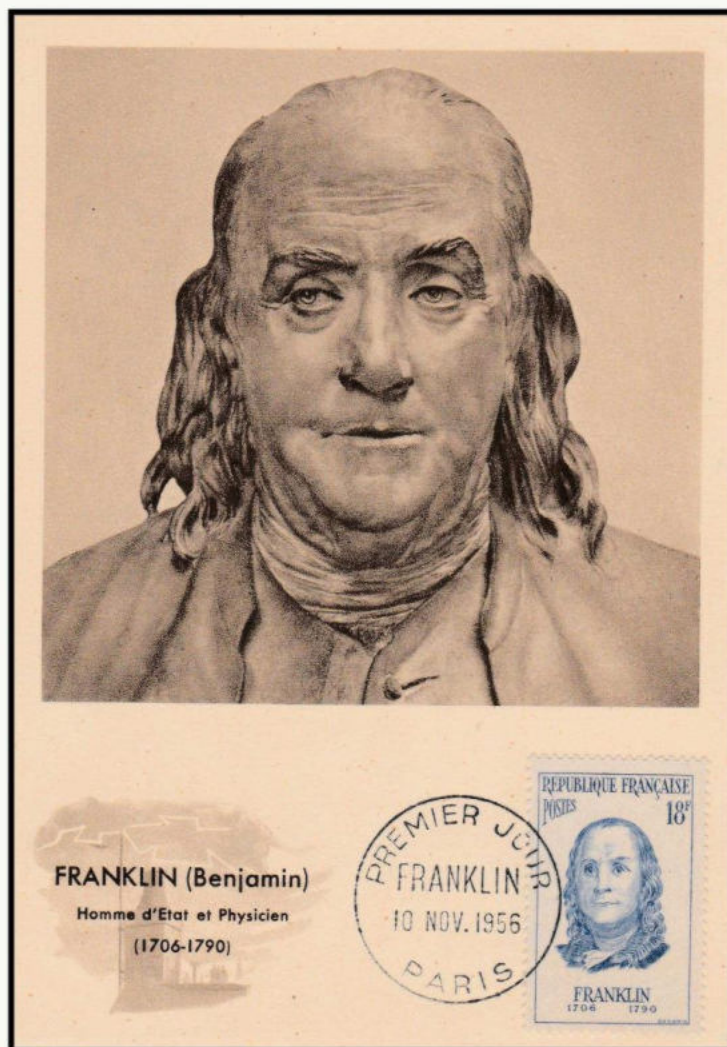


"If money is your hope for independence you will never it. The only real security that a man will have in this wared have in this world have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experiance, and abilty." Henry Ford Initiated June 28, 1894, passed november 1, 1894, raised november 29, 1894, member of Palestine Lodge # 357 F & A.M., Detrid, Michingan.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE, MI. JUL / 30 / 1968 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

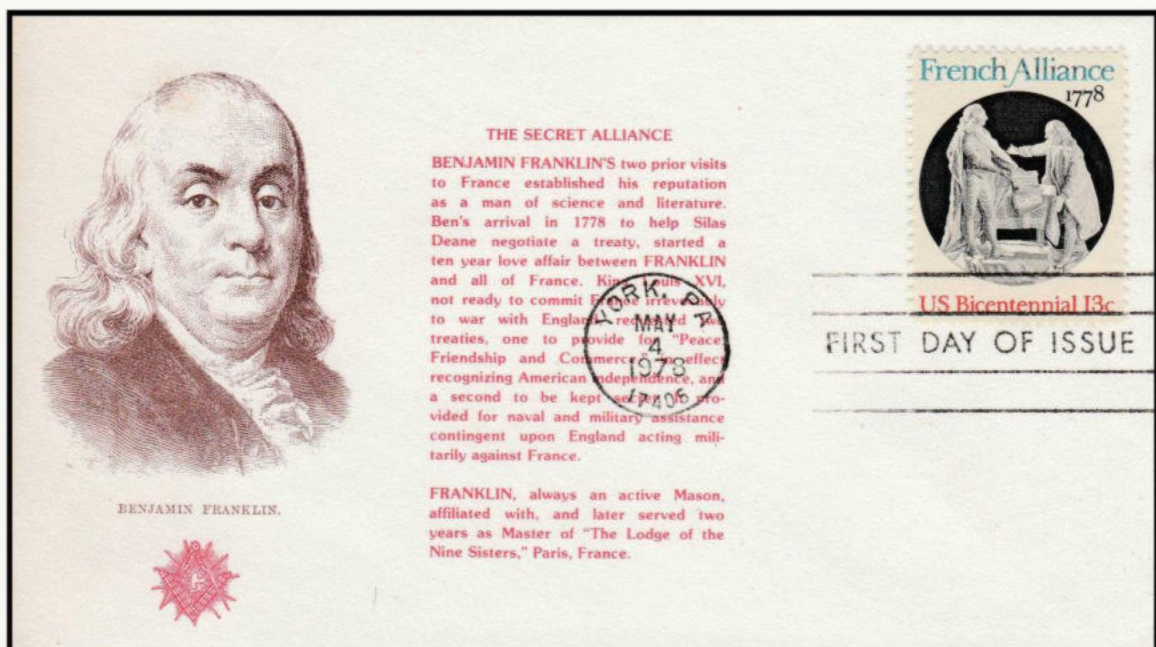


One of the great industrialists of the United States has contributed and participated, through its foundations, in the resolution of many aspects of the economic-social life during the consolidation and advancement period in the state that will become the world's greatest power.

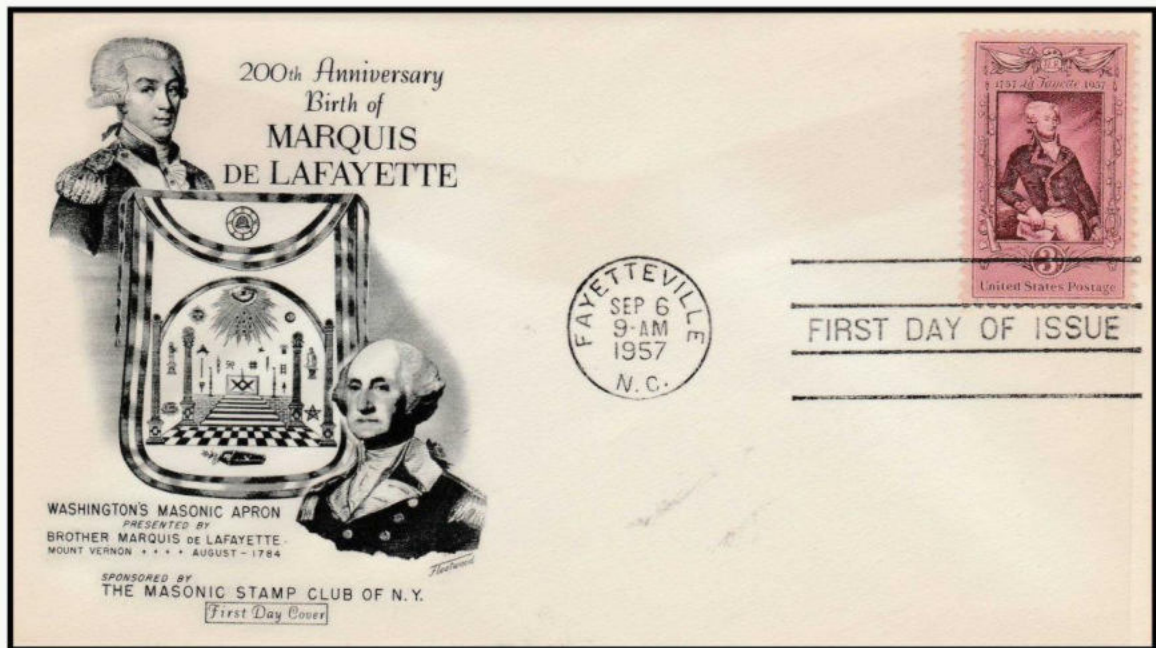


PREMIER JUR PARIS FRANKLIN / 10 NOV. 56

Mason Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790) is the only American to have participated in the signing of the four US-based documents: "Declaration of Independence" (1776), "Treaty of Alliance with France" (1778), "Treaty of Alliance with Great Britain" and "US Constitution" (1797). Benjamin Franklin – diplomat, scientist, inventor, writer, politician, always an active Mason, affiliated with, and later served two years Master of "The Lodge of the Nine Sisters", Paris, France.



The world famous masonic apron was presented by Brother La Fayette to Brother George Washington at Mount Vernon August, 1784. It was embroidered by Madam La Fayette on white satin with colored silks.



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The apron was worn by Brother George Washington at a brilliant Masonic Ceremony at the laying of the corner stone of the National Capitol in Washington, D.C. on September 18, 1793. After the death of Washington, the apron was presented by his Legatees on October 26, 1816 to the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania.



Mr. David M. Smith
Nine West Craig Street
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920

An active participant in two revolutions, the American and the French, the Marquis Gilbert de La Fayette (1757-1834) represents the essence of the Freemason aristocrat, who is fighting for great ideals. Participant in the most important battles of the War of Independence, advisor to George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, author of the proposal that the French flag be red-white-blue, Napoleon's opponent.

1.4. PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MASONS

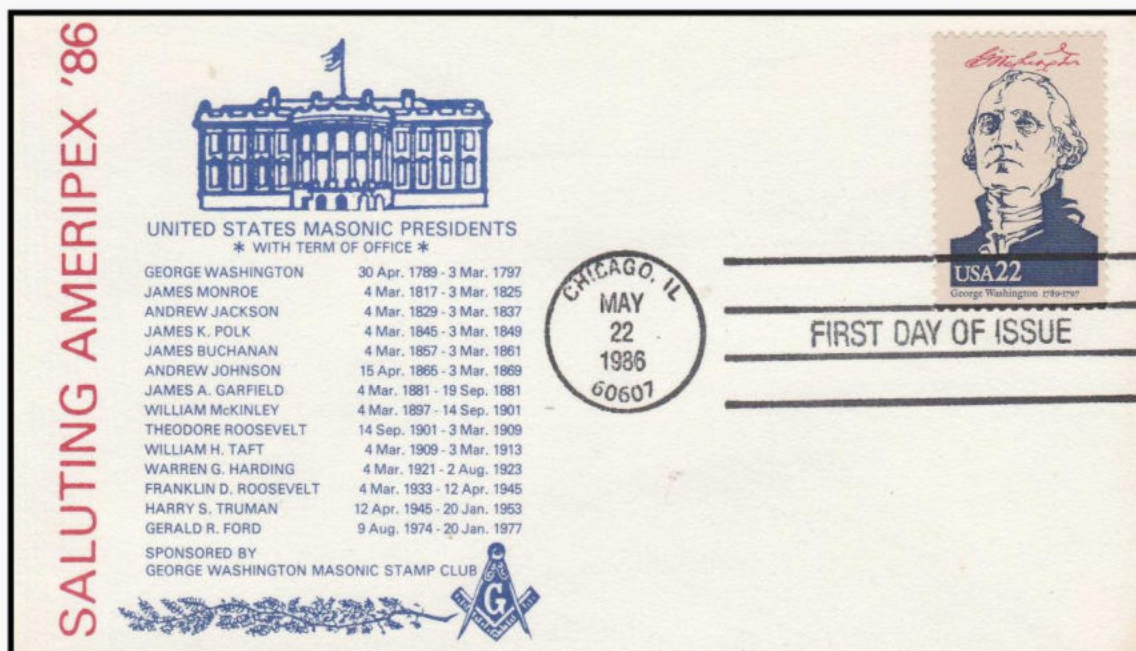


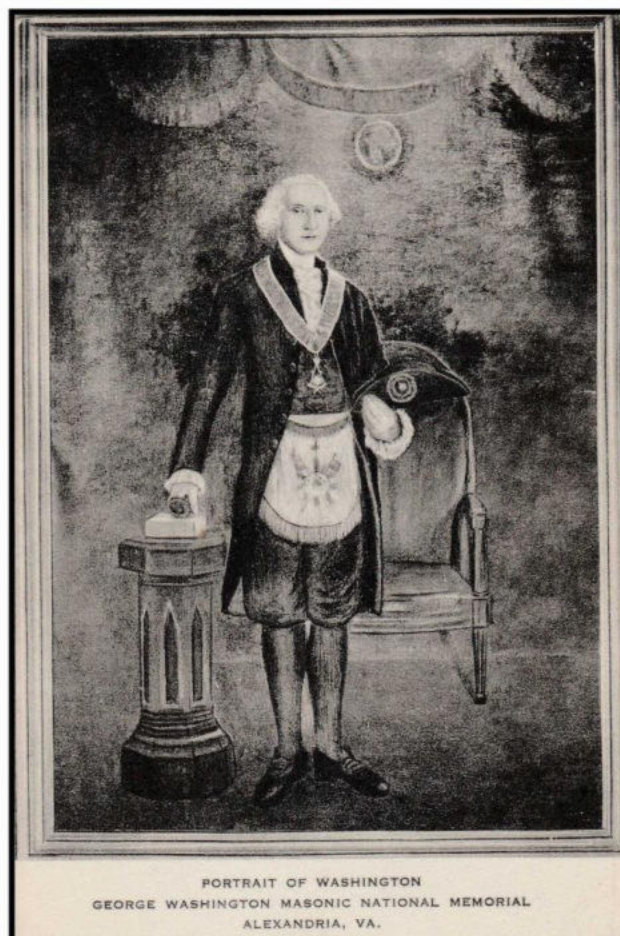
GEORGE WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 30.Apr.1789 - 3 Mar.1797

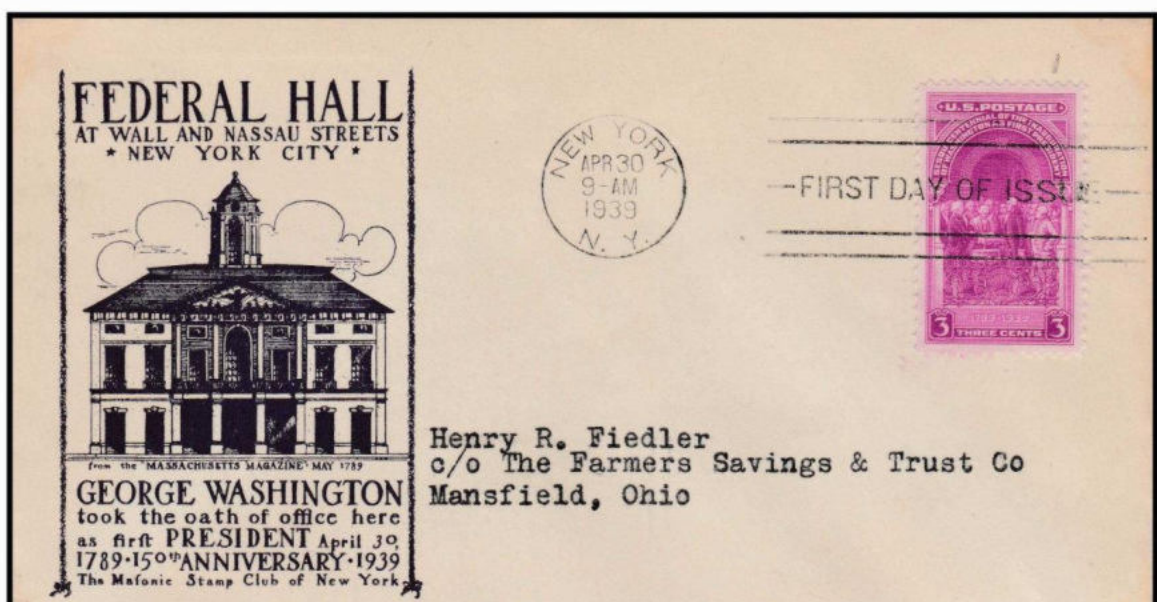


UNITED STATES MASONIC PRESIDENTS
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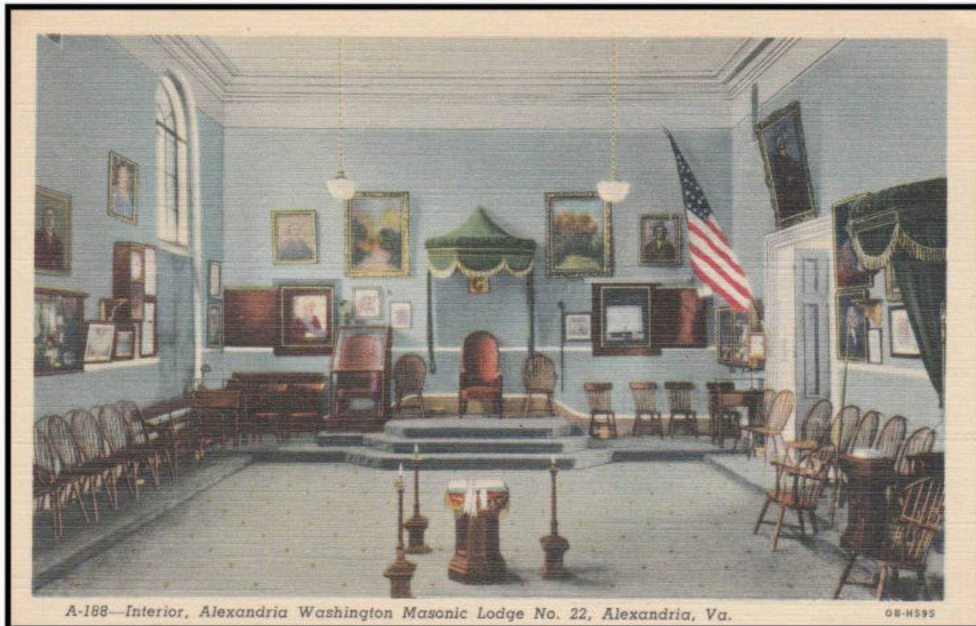


The stamp on this envelope was issued in New York on April 30, 1939 to mark the 150th anniversary of George Washington staking the oath of office as First President of the United States. The oath was taken on the balcony of Federal Hall which was then located on the north side of Wall Street. The inaugural scene is shown on the stamp from a painting in 1789 by Alonzo Cappel for use as an illustration of "The Life and Times of Washington".



George Washington is shown with his hands resting on the Bible which in turn is resting on the cushion in the arms of Secretary Samuel A. Otis while Cancellor Robert R. Livingston, who administered the oath is at the left. Vice-President John Adams is in extreme. Cancellor Livingston, at the time, was Grand Master of Masons of New York and on finding that there was no Bible for the occasion in Federal Hall, he sent to St. John's Lodge nearby for the Altar Bible, now a cherished possession of that Lodge, that George Washington took the oath of office.

The altar, pedestals and desks of Secretary and Treasurer are all original furniture, also there are seventeen fan-back chairs that are original. The original Bible, published in 1763, rests on the altar.

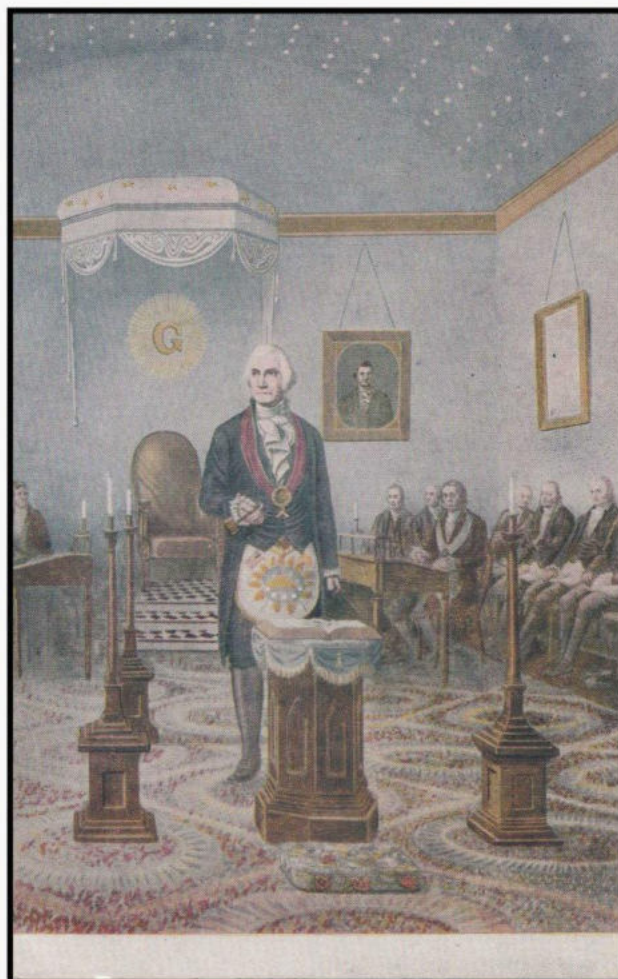


ALEXANDRIA, VA. TEMPLE STA. MAY 12 /1932

This great Memorial to George Washington, the Mason is situated on Shooters Hill, in the western part of Alexandria Va., on the highway between the City of Washington and Mount Vernon, his old home.



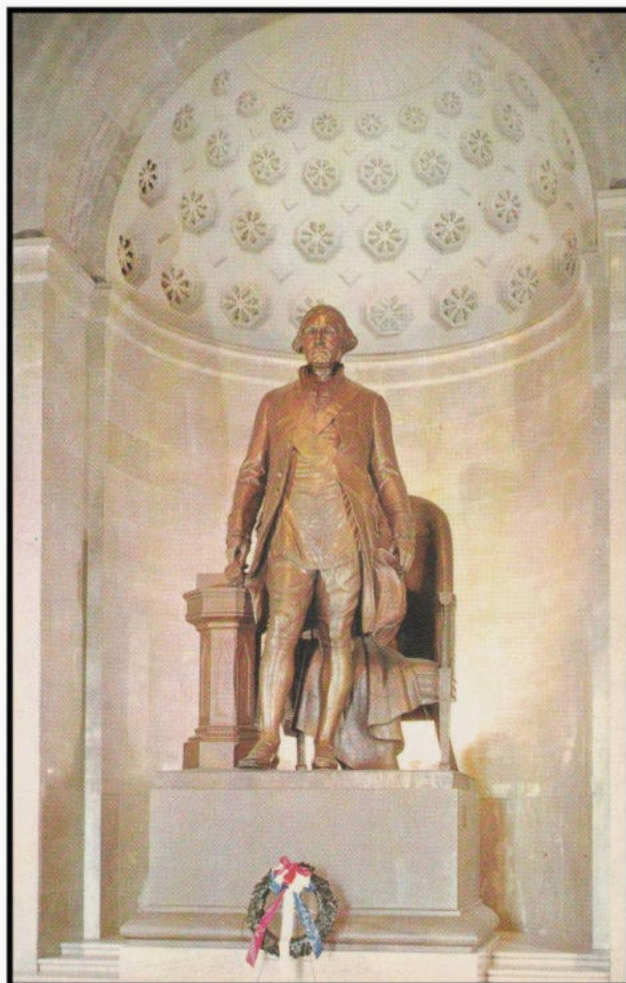
The imposing Memorial 338 feet high, will overlook the City of Washington to the north and Mount Vernon to the south, while eastward at its feet lies Alexandria, which city he helped to plan. The Memorial will house a priceless collection of Memorabilia of Washington, including many articles closely connected with his career in the Masonic order. The cost of the Memorial will be \$4,000,000. It is being built by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.



A representation of General Washington presiding at the altar in his Lodge, while making arrangements for the ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner stone of the National Capitol as Washington, D.C., on September 18, 1793 (1929)

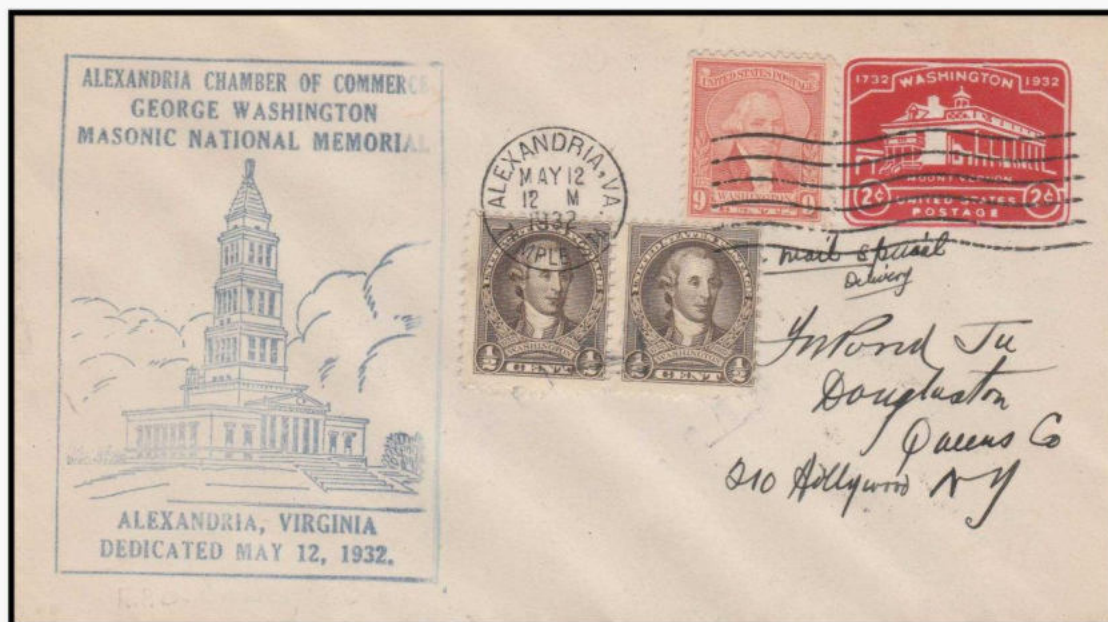
ALEXANDRIA, VA. TEMPLE SB. MAY 12 / 1932 to Provincetown, Mass.





Bronze statue in Memorial Hall of General George Washington by Bryant Baker, depicting Washington as Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge #22. It is 17 feet, nearly 8 tons, and was given by the the Order of DeMolary. Unveiled February 22, 1950.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. TEMPLE STA. MAY 12/1932 to N.Y. & WASINGTON MAY/13/ 1932





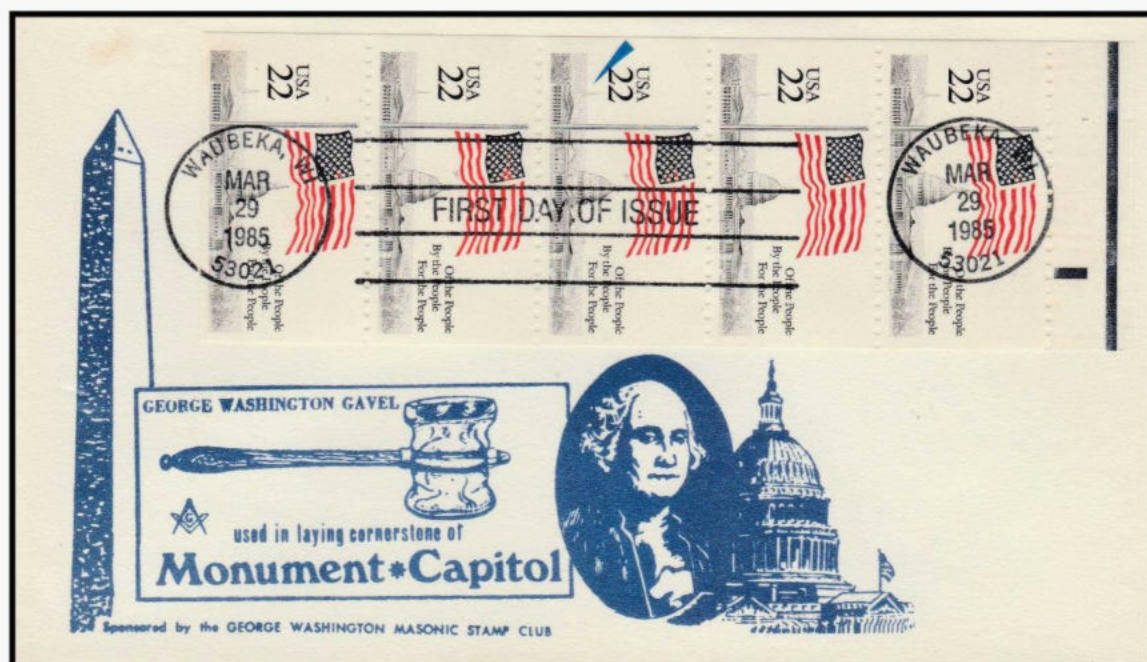
GEORGE WASHINGTON - MASTER MASON



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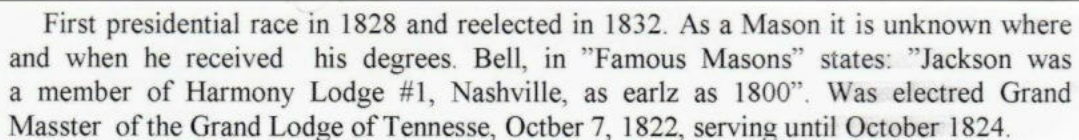
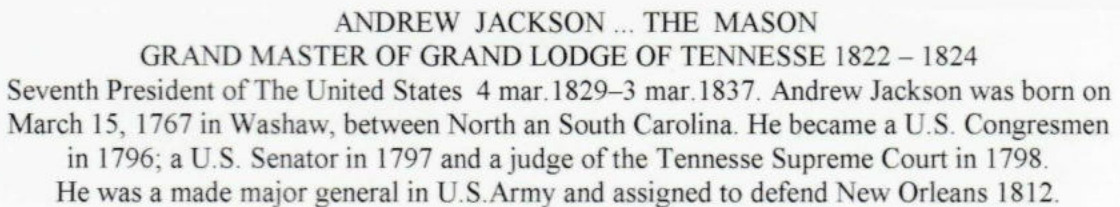
Entered Apprentice November 4, 1752, Fellowship March 3, 1753 and Master Mason August 4th, 1753. On September 18, 1793, the First President of the United States laid the cornerstone of the United State Capitol, with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several lodgos under its jurisdiction and Lodge No. 22, from Alexandria, Virginia.

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JAMES MONROE ... THE MASON
INITIATE, PASSED, RAISED 1875 – 1876.


Senator; Minister Plenipotentiary to France; Governor of Virginia; Secretary of State;
Secretary of War; helped negotiate The Louisiana Phurchase; served two terms
as President of the United States, 4 mar.1817–3 mar.1827. Born on Monroe s creek, in
Westmoreland Country, Virginia on April 28, 1758. At 16, he entered the college of William
and Mary, Willimburg, Va., but left in 1776 to take part in the part in the Revolutionary War.



ANDREW JACKSON ... THE MASON



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Andrew Jackson

March 22, 1963

Seventh President of the United States. Served two terms between 1829 and 1836.


A member of Harmony Lodge No. 1 of Nashville, Tennessee, as early as 1800, but date not known when degrees conferred. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee from Oct. 7, 1822 to Oct. 4, 1823.

With Clay, defied the Anti-Masonic party during the period of the "Morgan Episode".





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Seventh President of the United States. Served two terms 14 Mar. 1829 – 3 Mar. 1837. A member of Harmony Lodge No.1 of Nashville, Tennessee, as early as 1800, but date not known when degrees conferred. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee from 1822 to 1823. Defied the Anti-Masonic party during the period of the "Morgan Episode".



ANDREW JOHNSON ... THE MASON



MASONIC CACHETS
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Homestead Act

100th Anniversary
May 20, 1962


ANDREW JOHNSON, the 17th President of the U.S., introduced the Homestead Bill in 1845 while Congressman. After several defeats the bill was finally passed in 1862.

He received his degrees in Greenville Lodge No. 119, at Greenville, Tennessee, in 1851. He was Knighted in Nashville Commandery No. 1 on July 26, 1859. He was the first President to receive the Scottish Rite degrees, and these were conferred in the Executive Mansion, in 1867.





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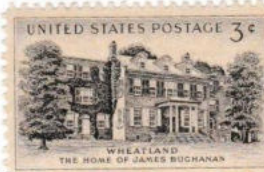
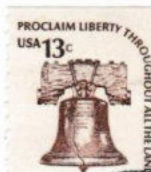
Andrew Johnson, the 17th President of United States 15 Apr. 1865 – 3 Mar. 1869. Introduced the Homestead Bill in 1845 while Congressman. After several defeats the bill was finally passed in 1862. He received his degrees in Greenville, Lodge No. 119 Tennessee, in 1851. He was Knighted in Nashville Commandery No 1 on July 26, 1859. He was the Scottish conferred in the Executive Mansion, in 1867.

James Buchanan the fifteenth President of the United States 4 Mar.1857 - 3 mar. 1861. Was born April 23, 1791, near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He served at the United States minister to Russia, Senator from Pennsylvania, Secretary of State in Polk's cabinet. James Buchanan Lancaster petitionel Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa., was initiated Dec.11, 1816.

Brother James Buchanan



Fifteenth President of the
United States



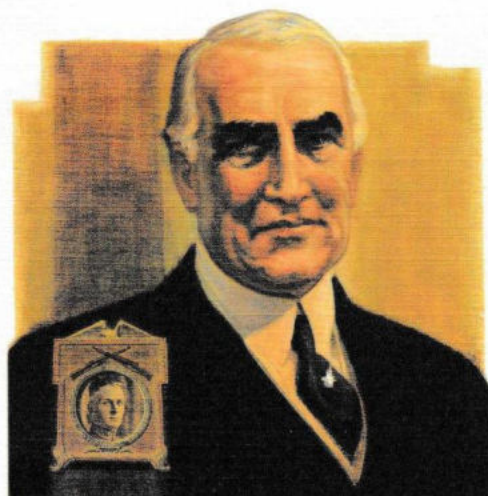
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George Washington Masonic Stamp Club
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He served his lodge as Junior Warden and Master. He was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 43 of Lancaster, Pa. Upon his death, June 1, 1868, he was given a Masonic burial by his home lodge in Lancaster, where his home "Wheatland" has been restored.

WARREN G. HARDING ... THE MASON.

Warren G. Harding the twenty-ninth President of the United States 4 Mar.1921- 2 Aug.1923. He established the U.S. Veteran Bureau. For his Cabinet he appointed many capable men, including the respected Herbert Hoover. But there were also those who betrayed his trust.



Warren G. Harding • Twenty-ninth President



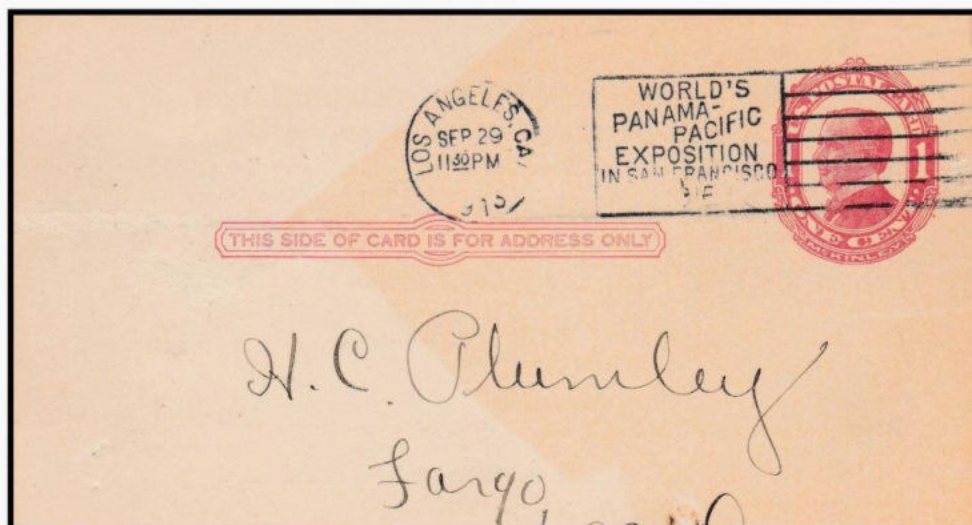
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Warren G. Harding

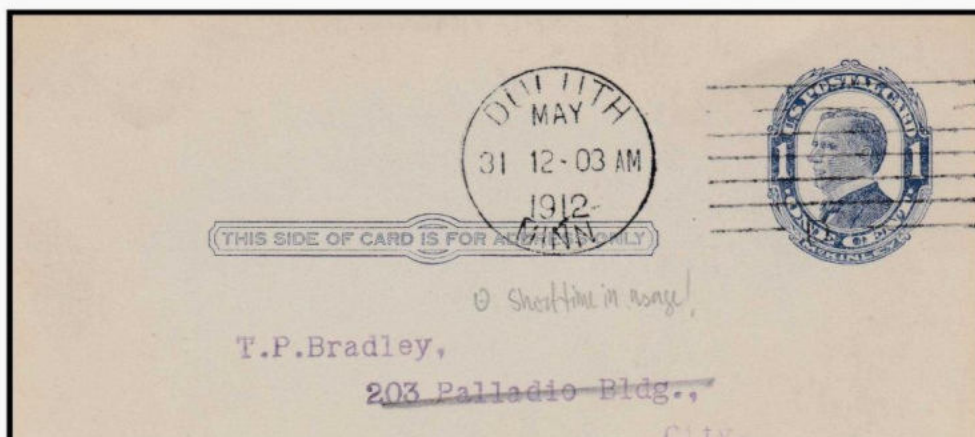
Although word of scandals in his Administration slowly reached the President, he never learned of the infamous Teapot Dome scandal. Yet, on his final trip across America, the President asked Secretary Hoover, "If you knew of a great scandal in our for the good of the country ... expose it publicly...?", "Publish it", Hoover replied. On August 2, 1923, President Harding died. America never learned Harding's own answer to his troubling question.

WILLIAK McKENLY ... THE MASON

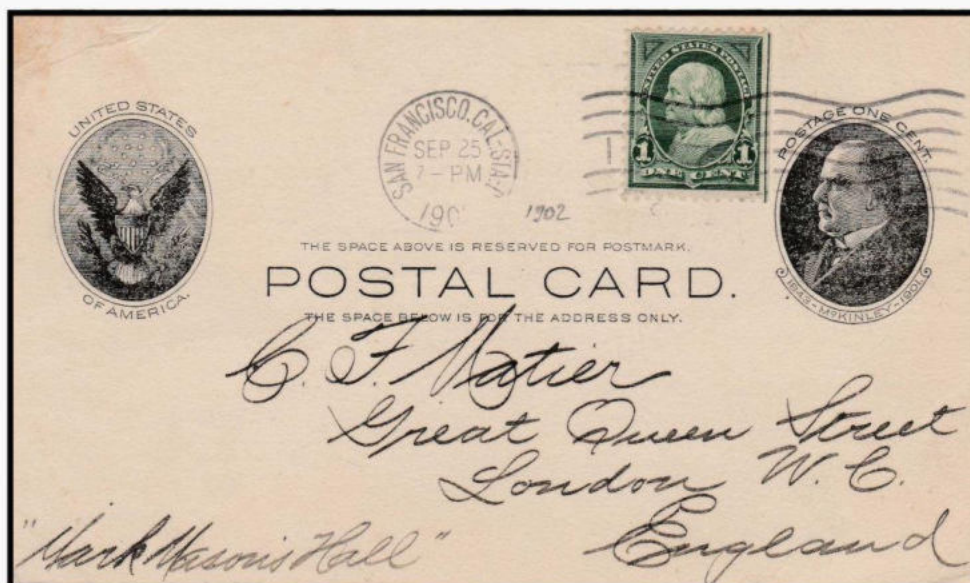
William McKenly President of the United States 4 Mar. 1897 – 14 Sep. 1901



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Franklin D. Roosevelt (1822 – 1945) Governor of New York from 1929 – 1933. President of the United States to serve more than two terms, 4 Mar. 1933 – 12 Apr. 1945. Member of Holland Lodge No. 8, N.Y.C., he received his M.M degree on November 28, 1911. Received the 32° at Albany, N.Y. in 1929. He was a member of Cypress Shrine Temple of Albany New York; Greenwood Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Warwick, New York; was the first Honorary Grand Master of the order of DeMolay.



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Franklin D. Roosevelt


January 29, 1966
Thirty-first President of the United States.
Governor of New York from 1929–1933. Only
President to serve more than two terms.

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1911. Received the 32° at Albany, N.Y. in
1929. He was a member of Cypress Shrine
Temple of Albany, New York, and Green-
wood Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon,
Warwick, New York.

He was present at the initiation of his
three sons into Masonry, and was the first
Honorary Grand Master of the order of
DeMolay.

1882-1945

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HARRY S. TRUMAN ... THE MASON

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States 1945 – 1953, was the second President to have been to a Grand Master, having served as the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri 1940 – 1941.



HARRY S. TRUMAN, 33°

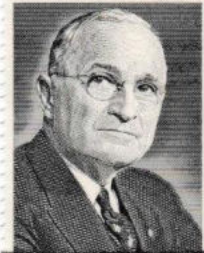
*Grand Master of Missouri
President of the United States*



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Harry S. Truman



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He was initiated into the Craft in Belton Lodge No. 450 on February 9, 1909. In 1911 several members to form a new Lodge – Grandview No 618 – and he became the first Master. He was a member of the York and Scottish Rite 33, the Red Cross Constantine and the Shrine. During his term as Grand Master, he was instrumental in the chartering of the Missouri Lodge of Research. He was the charter marshal of the new lodge and rose through the chairs to be Master in 1950. Thereby, he became the first President of the United States to be a Master of a Lodge while serving as chief executive of the nation.

HARRY S. TRUMAN



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HARRY S. TRUMAN - BORN MAY 8, 1884,
CAPTAIN U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I
UNITED STATES SENATOR (MISSOURI)
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
33rd PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
DIED DECEMBER 26, 1972



On October 19, 1945 he was coronated with the onorary 33 of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Washington, D.C. while serving as President. Masonic funeral services, held on December 28, 1972. Was buried in of his library in Independence, Missouri.



1.5. ANNIVERSARIES AND COMMEMORATIONS



NEW YORK N.Y. MAY 19 / 1947

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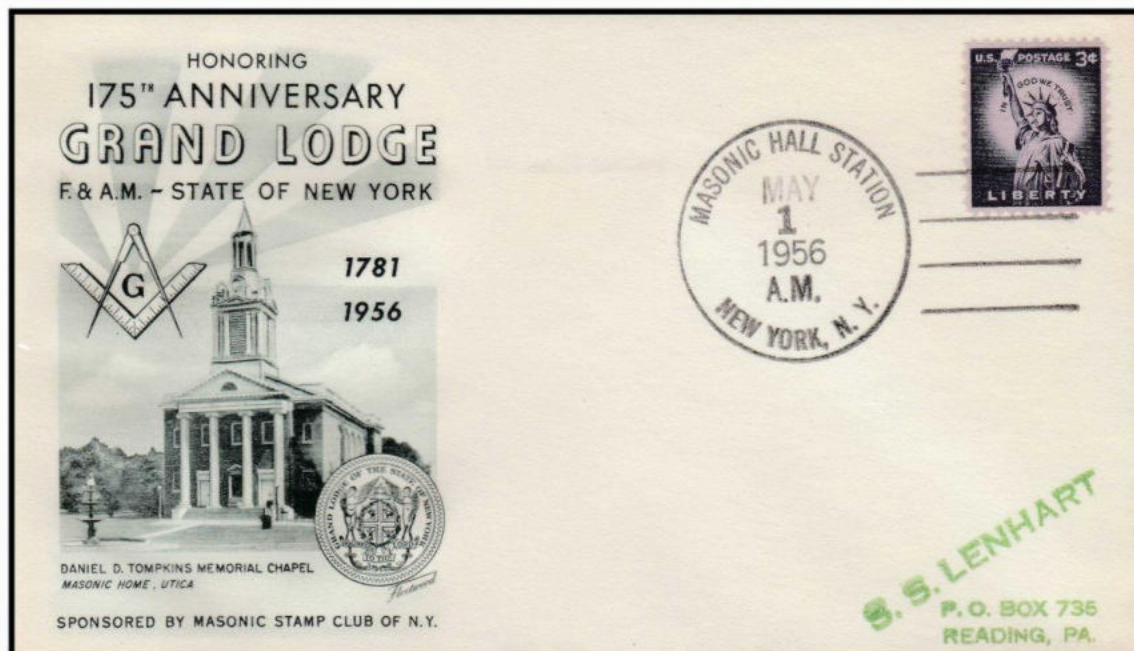
In the philatelic exhibitions are presented, with or without details, historical events in which masons participated. Great celebrities from all fields of cultural, scientific, social life, etc. there are masons.

NEW YORK N.Y. MAY 21 / 1947

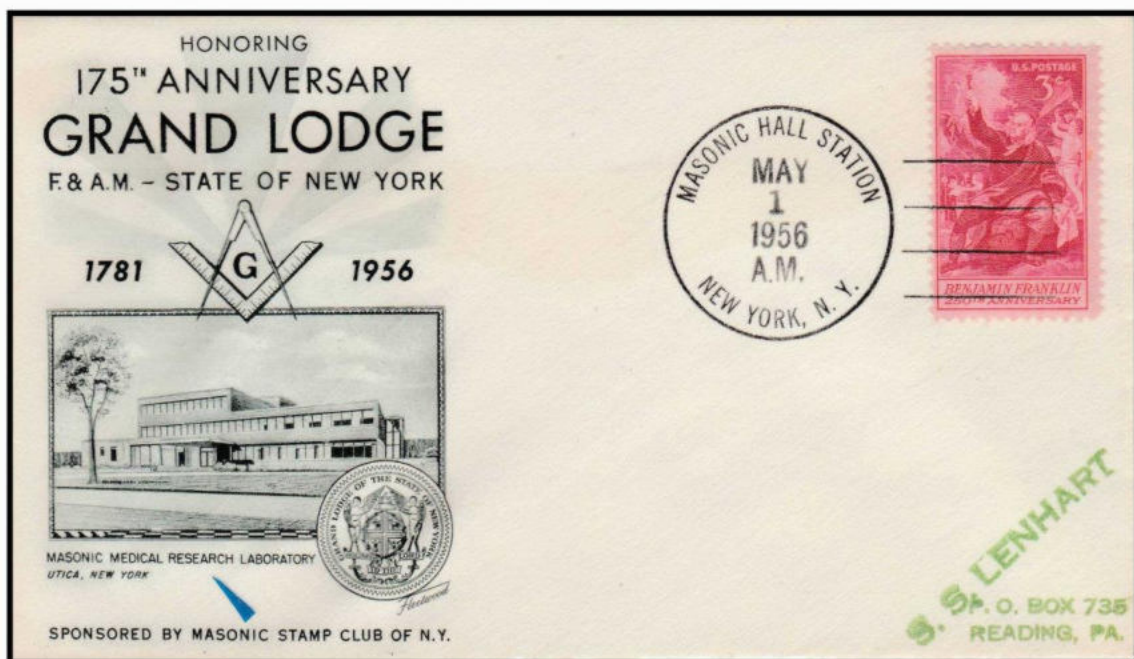
+ CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL / PHILATELIC EXHIBITION / STATION



The Grand Lodge of New York (officially, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York) is the largest and oldest independent organization of Freemasons in the U.S. state of New York. It was at one time the largest grand lodge in the world in terms of membership.



The Grand Lodge is over 230 years old, having been founded December 15, 1782. GLoNY acts as the coordinating body for many functions undertaken throughout the state. Its various committees organize blood drives, the New York Masonic Safety Identification Program – (NYMSIP) and charitable events around New York. The GLoNY has jurisdiction over approximately 60,000 Freemasons, organized in more than 800 Lodges, most of them located within New York State.



St. John's Lodge, chartered in 1757, is the oldest operating Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. St. John's Lodge is the custodian of what is now known as the George Washington Inaugural Bible. On April 30, 1789, it was upon this Bible that George Washington took his oath of office as the first President of the United States.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY'S
OFFICIAL TITLE IS "LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD"

The Statue of Liberty in New York harbour was presented in 1884 as a gift from the French Grand Orient Temple Masons to the Masons of America. The cornerstone of the statue records how it was laid in a Masonic ceremony. The cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was placed in a solemn ceremony in 1884 organised by the Masonic lodges of New York.



The Statue of Liberty, which designed by the French sculptor Bartholdi and actually built by the French Engineer, Gustave Eiffel (both well-known Freemasons). She is holding the Masonic "Torch of Enlightenment". Also referred to back in the 1700's by the Illuminati Masons as the "Flaming Torch of Reason". The Torch represents the "Sun" in the sky. Illuminati means to "bare light" one way to symbolize this is by carrying a torch. A torch sits on top of the Statue of Liberty. Bartholdi, like many French Freemasons of his time, was deeply steeped in "Egyptian" rituals, and it has often been said that he conceived the original statue as an effigy of the goddess Isis, and only later converted it to a "Statue of Liberty" for New York harbour".

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2. MASONRY IN ROMANIA

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MAREA LOJĂ NAȚIONALĂ DIN ROMÂNIA - 130 DE ANI

A vorbi despre masonerie și masoni în România înseamnă să consemnăm, în primul rând, că istoria țării din ultimii 250 de ani a fost strâns legată de reprezentanții acestei organizații.

Încă din secolul al XVIII-lea, pe teritoriul actual al României se înființează primele Loji masonice, una la Galați, iar a doua la Iași. Cei ce le-au înființat au fost secretarul princiar Anton Mario del Chiaro, respectiv domnitorul Constantin Mavrocordat.

Printre personalitățile despre care se spune că au fost francmasoni pot fi amintiți Horea, unul dintre conducătorii răscoalei de la 1784, Tudor Vladimirescu, simbol al luptei naționale la începutul secolului XIX, precum și cei mai mulți pașoptiști: Nicolae Bălcescu, Vasile Alecsandri, Mihail Kogălniceanu, Costache Negruzzi, Ion C. Brătianu.

Sub domnia Regelui Carol I, caracterizată printr-o durabilă construcție modernă a României, așa cum era de așteptat, francmasoneria română a fost nu numai recunoscută, dar i s-a acordat și o mare importanță.

În luna septembrie 1880, a fost aprinsă, în România, Lumina Francmasoneriei Regulare când s-a constituit (ca Mare Lojă regulată și suverană) Marea Lojă Națională din România.

Din acest moment, masoneria română începe să cuprindă în rândurile sale elita societății românești formată din politicieni, militari, artiști, întreprinzători din clasa de mijloc, membri ai familiilor descendente din domnitori ai Țărilor Române și membrii aristocrației.

După Unirea de la 1918, Lojile din Transilvania au devenit membre ale Marii Loje Naționale din România.

Au urmat apoi două decenii de dezvoltare și consolidare a masoneriei române încheiate însă, la cererea Regelui Carol al II-lea, în 1937 când Francmasoneria intră în adormire.

În perioada 1944 - 1948, cu acordul Comisiei Aliate, masoneria își reia activitatea, însă intrarea României sub influența totală a Uniunii Sovietice va duce, începând cu 1948, la interdicerea ei. Au urmat ani grei de opresiune politică și aruncarea în temnițele comuniste a majorității membrilor masoneriei române.

După schimbările politice din 1989 din Europa de Est, au fost reaprins Luminile în fostele țări comuniste.

Reactivarea Francmasoneriei Regulare din România a avut loc, cu acceptul Marii Loji Unite a Angliei, de către Marele Orient al Italiei.

Această Mare Lojă Regulată a fondat la București, trei Loji Regulare: Loja „Concordia”, Loja „Delta Dunării” și Loja „Nicolae Bălcescu”.

La 24 ianuarie 1993, cele 3 Loji au reconstituit Marea Lojă Națională din România, care este singura Mare Lojă din România recunoscută de Francmasoneria Regulată Universală.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF ROMANIA - 130 YEARS

Speaking about freemasonry and freemasons in Romania means to mention first of all that the history of this country, in the last 250 years, has been tightly connected to the representatives of this organization.

Since the 18th century, on the current territory of Romania, they founded the first freemason Lodges, the first one in Galati and the second in Iasi. Their founders were Princely Secretary Anton Mario del Chiaro and the Ruler Constantin Mavrocordat.

Among the personalities who are said to have been freemasons we may mention Horea, one of the leaders of the revolt from 1784, Tudor Vladimirescu, a symbol of the national fight at the beginning of the 19th century, as well as many 1848 revolutionists: Nicolae Balcescu, Vasile Alecsandri, Mihail Kogalniceanu, Costache Negruzzi, Ion C. Bratianu.

Under the reign of King Carol I, characterized by a modern sustainable development of Romania, as we may expect, the Romanian freemasonry was not only acknowledged but it was also given a high importance.

In September 1880, in Romania they kindled the lights of the Regular Freemasonry, when was set up the National Grand Lodge of Romania (as a regular and sovereign Grand Lodge).

From this moment, the Romanian freemasonry started to attract in its ranks, the elite of the Romanian society consisted of politicians, militaries, artists, entrepreneurs from the middle class, members of the families descending from rulers of the Romanian Principalities and members of aristocracy.

After the Great Union from 1918, the Transylvanian Lodges have become members of the National Grand Lodge of Romania.

Then followed two decades of development and consolidation of the Romanian freemasonry that came to an end in 1937, at the request of King Carol II, when freemasonry went into dormancy.

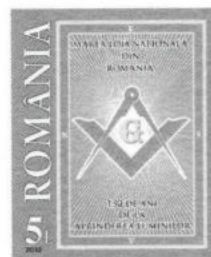
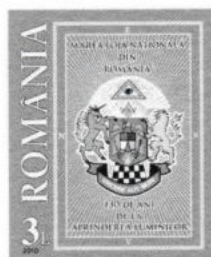
From 1944 to 1948, with the agreement of the Allied Control Committee, freemasonry resumed its activity, but Romania's total submission to the Soviet Union would lead to its forbiddance starting from 1948. Harsh years of political oppression and imprisonment came for most members of the Romanian freemasonry.

After the political changes of 1989 in the Eastern Europe, they rekindled the lights in the former communist countries.

The reactivation of the Regular Freemasonry of Romania occurred with the authorization of the United Grand Lodge of England by the Grand Orient of Italy.

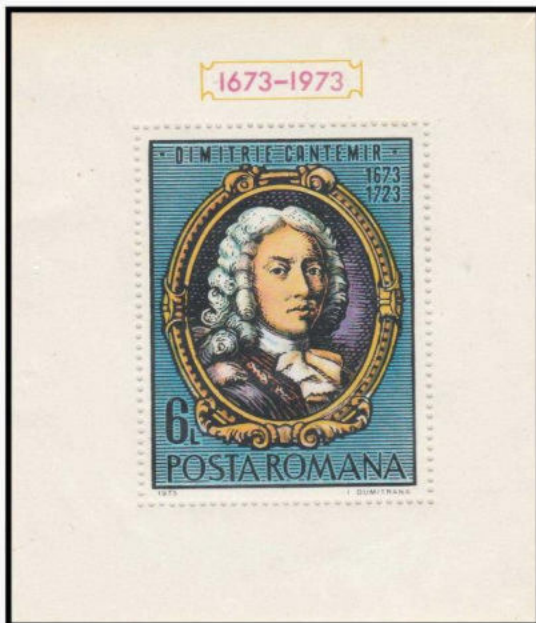
This Regular Grand Lodge founded three Regular Lodges in Bucharest: "Concordia" Lodge, "Delta Dunarii" Lodge and "Nicolae Balcescu" Lodge.

On 24th of January 1993, the 3 lodges reconstituted the Grand National Lodge of Romania, which is the only Grand Lodge of Romania acknowledged by the Universal Regular Freemasonry.



2.1. HISTORY (see also page 65)

Freemasonry has always highly stimulated the curiosity of the profane, uninitiated people, even when the activity of his hermetic society was accepted by the legislation of Romania. From 1937, when King Karol II formally banned all the actions of Freemasons, until 1990, when this association officially restored its activity, one could no longer speak freely about what the Masnic lodges stand for and by what means their actions take place.

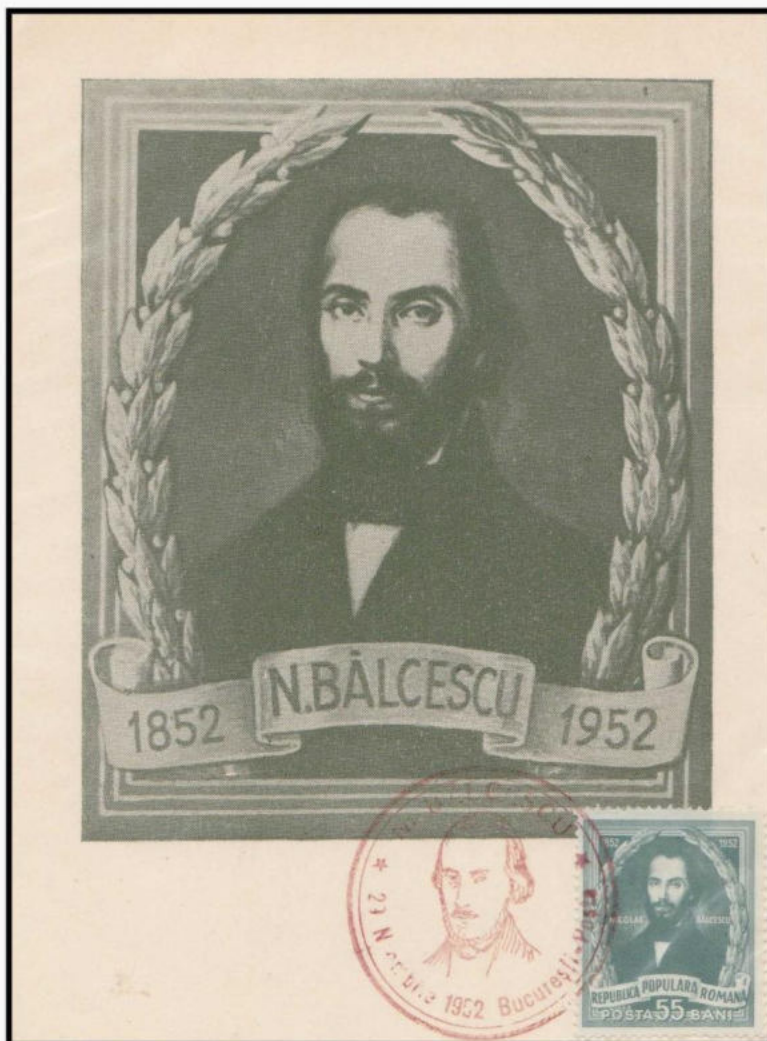


The ruler of Moldavia, Dimitrie Cantemir, (1693 and 1710-1711) is first Romanian personality who joined a secret society at the beginning of the 18th century. He became a Rosicrucian in a organisation which preceded the Speculative Freemasonry.



His friendship with the tsar Petru I and count Tolstoi, as well as some elements from his coat-of-arms such as the Masonic symbol of joined hands - entitle us to believe that the rule of Moldavia was a Mason or, at least, a Rosicrucian. Being a well-known scholar, a polyglot and having encyclopedic inclination, he was elected member the Academy of Berlin in 1714.

2.2. REVOLUTION OF 1848 IN THE ROMANIAN PRINCIPALITIES



29 Noiembrie 1852 București Poșta N.BĂLCESCU

The Revolution of 1848 in the Romanian Principalities. The desire to proclaim the revolutionary action people's identity and the urge for national unity and emancipation caused the majority of intellectual elite to get involved in this revolutionary action. Among intellectuals there were many Freemasons and leaders of the Freemasonry, such as Nicolae Bălcescu (1819-1852), Eftimie Murgu, Mihail Kogălniceanu (who were outstanding members of various lodges from Iași and Bucharest), Ion Eliade Rădulescu (Grand Master of the Lodge the "Danube Star"), Simion Bărnuțiu, George Magheru, Vasile Alecsandri and many more.

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2.3. UNIFICATION OF THE ROMANIAN PRINCIPALITIES

Following the defeat of the revolutionary moment 1848, the Freemasons living in Romania were helped by those living abroad in organising certain activities based on the ideal of national unity.



The unification of the principalities is a historic event achieved with the help of the universal Masonry. A European group made up exclusively of masons and the Romanian Masons was present on January 5, 1859 in Moldavia and on January 24, in Wallachia at election of the ruler Alexandru Ioan Cuza (1820-1873). The members of this group advised upon the election of a single ruler for the two principalities.



The initiation of Alexandru Ioan Cuza still represents a controversial issue, as there are no documents supporting this theory, but he is considered to have been a Freemason due to the part he played in the unification of Moldavia and Valachia and during his rule.



He passed a series of laws which were in accordance with the Masonic principles: the putting of individuals into possession of land, the organising and training the army, the secularization of monastic properties, the abolition of Gypsy self-drom, compulsory public instruction and education, the setting up of universities and in Iași and Bucharest, the management of the postal service, communal management and many more. Another argument supporting the idea that Alexandru Ioan Cuza was a Freemason is the fact that several Romanian lodge from Galați, Iași and Dorohoi were named after him.



2.4. THE ACTIVITY OF MASONS IN UNITED ROMANIA



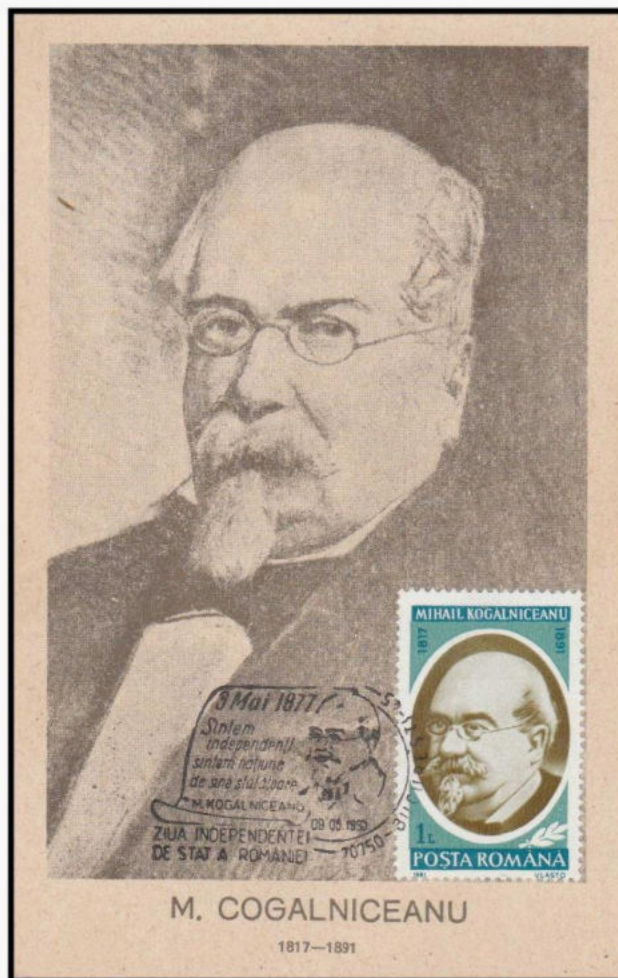
FOCȘANI 30.11.88. 140 YEARS OF THE ROMAN REVOLUTION IN 1848

Vasile Alecsandri (1821-1890) member of the Academy, a diplomat, a writer, a participant in the 1848 revolution in Moldova and a supporter of the unification of the Romanian principalities, was member of a lodge in Iași in 1857.

BACĂU 12.06.2004. CONSTITUTION R.L. VASILE ALECSANDRI Nr. 167 - Or. Bacău * 12.06.6004. A.L.



Political person, minister, diplomat, founding member of the Romanian Academy, creator of Romanian theater and dramatic literature in Romania, outstanding personality of Moldova and then of Romania throughout the 19th century.



M. COGALNICEANU

1817—1891

BUCUREȘTI 09.05.1990

9 MAY 1877 DAY OF STATE INDEPENDENCE OF ROMANIA

Mihail Kogălniceanu (1817-1891) was Primer Minister (1863-1865) and later on was appointed Foreign Minister. He was a member Academy, a university professor, a writer, a journalist and great orator. In 1844 he was Venerable of a lodge in Bucharest.

15 august 1989 BUCUREȘTI THE DAY OF THE ROMANIAN PRESS

140 DE ANI DE LA REVOLUTIA ROMANA DIN 1848

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU (1817-1891)

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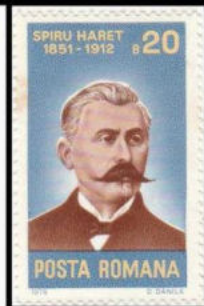
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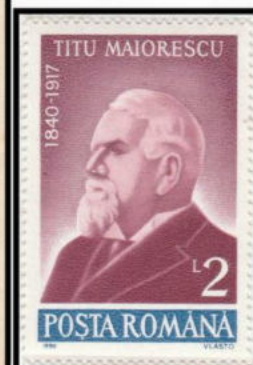
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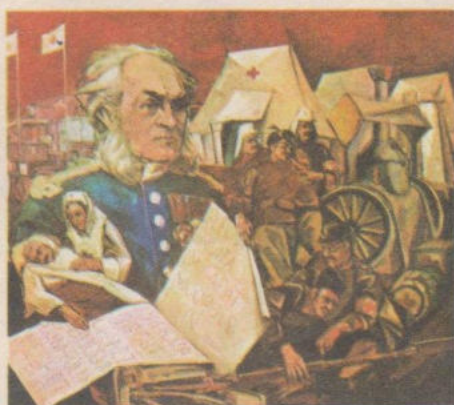
Spiru Haret (1851 – 1912), Minister of Education (1897 – 1899, 1901 – 1904, 1907 – 1910), famous for laying the foundation of modern education, was member of the Academy, a university professor, a mathematician and sociologist.



Titu Maiorescu (1840 – 1917), then minister in different governments, member of Academy, a diplomat, a university professor, a lawyer and a literary, had been initiated in 1866 in the Romanian Star lodge of Iași.

In the 1877 war against the Ottoman Empire, the Romanian masonic lodges made an active contribution to this war by donating large amounts of money to the Red Cross Society which was set up by the Mason Carol Davila (1821-1884) on June 4, 1876. In 1874 Carol Davila was elected Venerable in a Masonic lodge from Bucharest.

10.09.78. CONSTANȚA RED CROSS - THE SYMBOL OF PEACE AND HUMANITY



General doctor CAROL DAVILA
de maior Ionita Gheorghe



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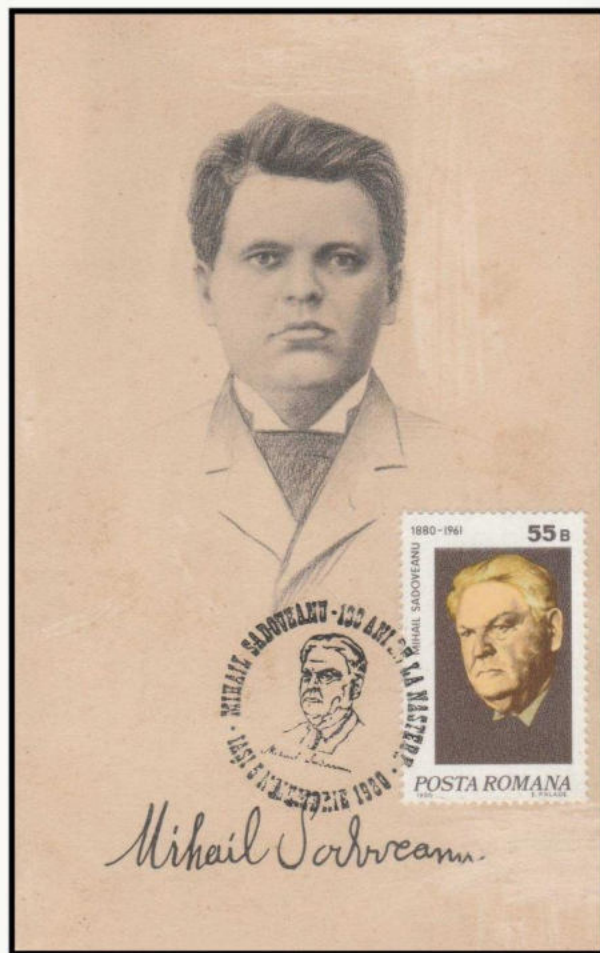
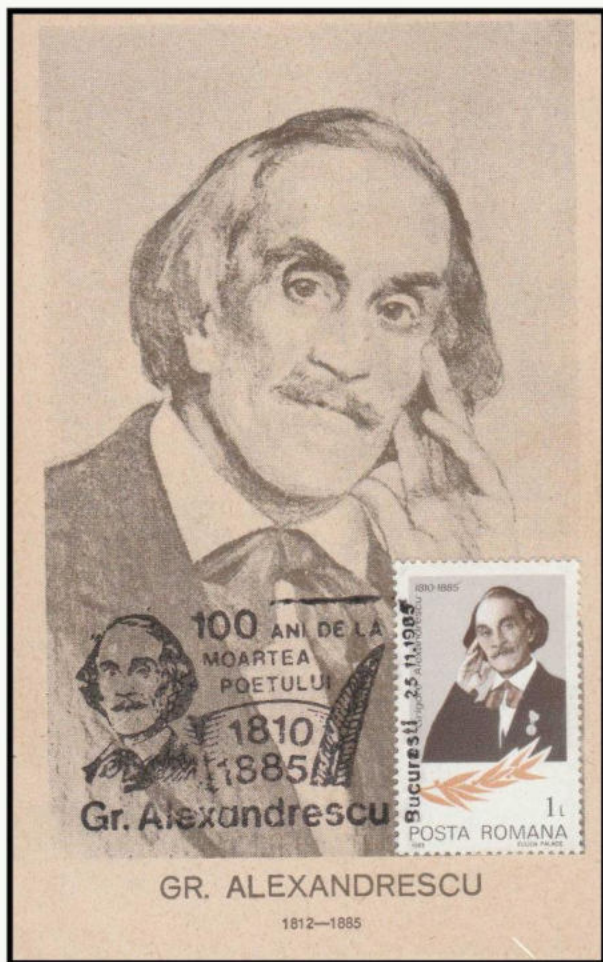
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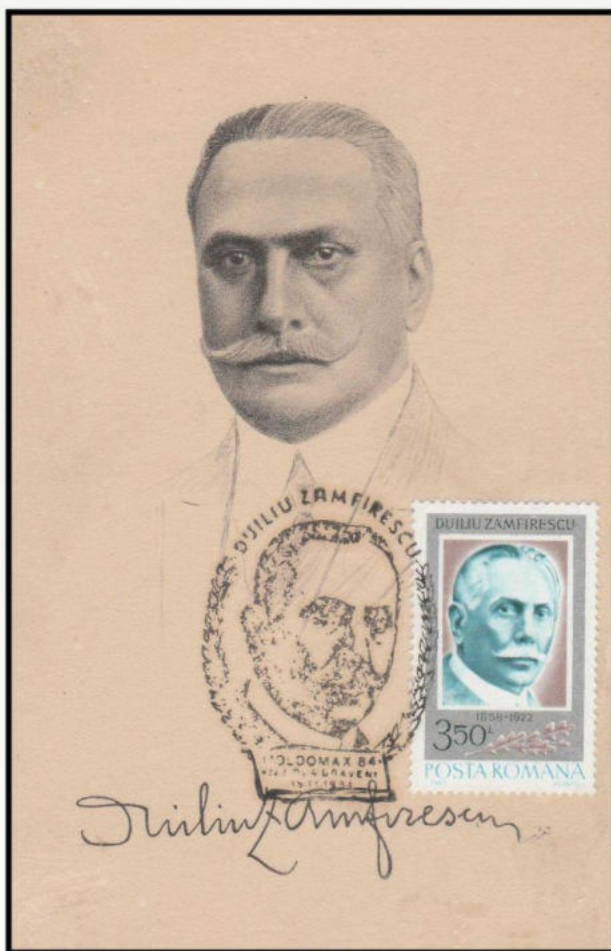
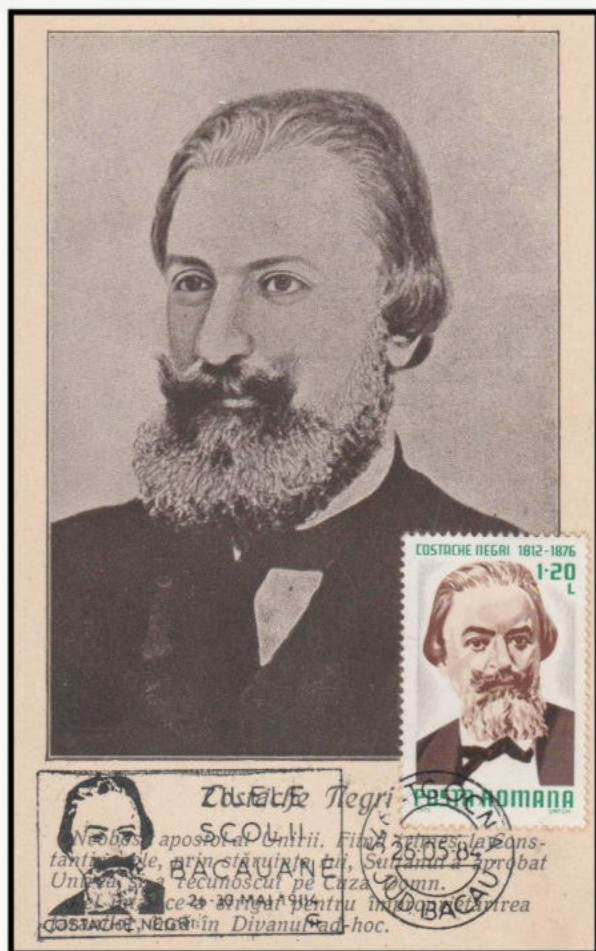
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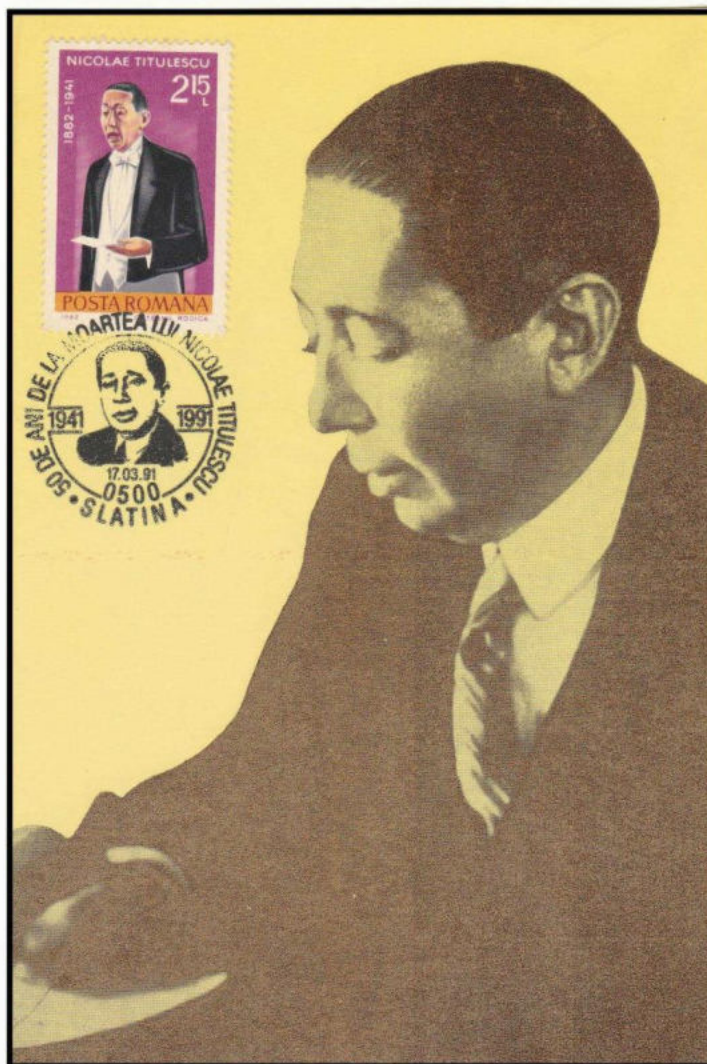




Nicolae Titulescu (1882–1941), an internationally respected Freemason. He was a member of the Academy, a university professor, a politician (former Foreign Minister), a diplomat and a permanent delegate of Romania to the League Nations of Nations (1920–1936). For some time during this period he was also chairman of the League.

17.03.91.SLATINA

50 YARS SINCE THE DEATHOF NICOLAE TITULESCU



On some series (1946–1948) of postage stamps were discreetly placed, in the lower left corner, including on the CONSTITUTION series 1948, the sign of Masonry, the compasse.



Between 1940–1945 the inactivity of the Freemasonry is justified by the military operations taking place in the Second World War. The fact the new authorities approved of this society to restart seemed to anticipate a significant boost which it was about to receive. However, in 1948, due to the pressure put on King Mihai's abdication and to the way in which the communist authorities approached the functioning of this association, some of the leaders of the Romanian Freemasonry chose to go abroad. Those who stayed behind suffered a great deal of injustice, including imprisonment. After the conclusion of the war, the Second World War Romania remained under the occupation of the Soviet Union, which established a communist regime that by various measures abolished Freemasonry. However, The Romanian Masonic Order continued to function in Paris and due to this continuity a certain number of lodges could be created in Bucharest in 1990. Consequently, the activity of an organisation that values discretion in its actions was reactivated.

2.5 MASONRY IN ROMANIA AFTER THE REVOLUTION OF 1989



IAȘI 3 23.02.11. – BACĂU 25.02.11. CONSTANTIN C. MOROIU THE FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE GREAT NATIONAL LODGE IN ROMANIA

**CONSTANTIN MOROIU
PRIMUL MARE MAESTRU
AL MARII LOJE NAȚIONALE DIN ROMANIA**

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130 ANI DE MASONERIE ROMANA



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BÎLCA 07.06.11. – BACĂU 10.06.11. IN THE GEORGE MUNTEAN MEMORY
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THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF ROMANIA – 135 YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDATION

On 24th of January 1993, the three Regular Lodges in Bucharest: "Concordia" Lodge, "Delta Dunării" lodge and "Nicolae Bălcescu" Lodge reconstituted the Grand National Lodge of Romania, which is the only Grand National Lodge of Romania acknowledged by Universal Regular Freemasonry.

16.06.2015 BUCUREȘTI FIRST DAY COVER







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