Freemasonry in Philately -2
Latin America, Central America, the Carribean, and the Antilles



Brazil

The postal system in Brazil is somewhat similar to that of the United States. Each state has its own organization. In addition, there is also the "Distrito Federal" (Federal District), in which they all participate.

Masonic Philately in Brazil is numerically in the second range in the world after the United States. This shouldn't be surprising, since the number of lodges and the masonic population of Brazil take the third place in the world. However, it should be added that Freemasonry and Masonic Philately in Brazil is not like that in the United States, but is unique.

Here, Brazilian states are going to be mentioned occasionally, but Masonic Philately has been arranged by year in a mixed order. Thus, we can see that the first masonic stamp was issued in 1917, and that the next ones developed in the second half of the 20th century.

1917

Grand Orient of Brazil, centennial of the revolution of Pernambuco…



1963

Centennial year of the death of Joao Caetano dos Santos (A lodge has been established bearing his name in Rio de Janeiro on 1895.)





1972

150th year of the independence of Brazil…



Grand Orient of Brazil, "Nova Sed. Antiqua" Lodge



Florianopolis, "Jeronimo Coelho" Lodge



1973

Grand Orient of Brazil, 150th year.





1975

Bicentennial year of Freemasonry in Brazil



1977

Grand Lodge of Brazil, centennial anniversary,



(We will see this stamp frequently on first day envelopes.))





Joaquim Goncalves Ledo, who had important contribution to the independence of Brazil …



Establishment of the Confederation of Symbolic Freemasonry…



Brazil, Philatelic Collection



1981

Santa Catarina; Press and Freemasonry



Santa Catarina; Jeronimo Francisco Coelho, creating national Freemasonry 150 years ago…



1982

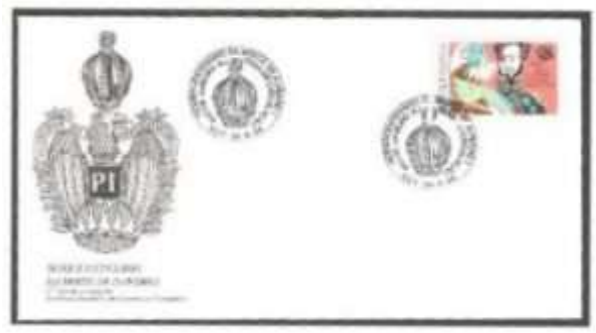
Grand Orient of Brazil, Bicentennial year…





1984

Grand Orient of Brazil; 150th year of the death of Grand Master Pedro I…



First masonic congregation in Rio de Janeiro…



1987

Grand Orient of Sao Paolo; 10th year of "XXVI de Maio" Lodge…



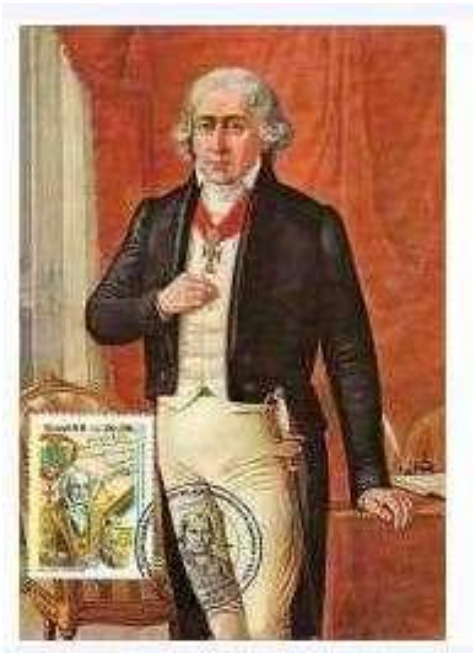
1988

150th year of the death of Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Salva, who had important contribution to the independence of Brazil…



(This is also a stamp that we will see occasionally.)

Postcard:



1991

Santa Catarina, Florianopolis; establishment of “Solidariadade” Lodge…



1992

Grand Orient of Brazil; model of the headquarters building.



(This is a stamp to be seen frequently.)



Bicentennial year of postage box blocks.



Quadruple Block:



1995

Minas Gerais; Centennial year of “Charitas II” Lodge…



(In fact, the 100th year was 1994.)

1997

National Masonic Philately Exhibition (Florianopolis)



(You might have noticed that almost all of these envelopes are very alike.)

Minas Gerais; “Belo Horizonte” Lodge, centennial year…



Alfredo Campos, who has organized the first Masonic Philately Exhibition in Florianopolis



Florianopolis; 1st Masonic Philately Exhibition: Salun Jorge Nacif…



1998

Birth of the famous Brazilian Emperor D. Pedro: Bicentennial year of birth…



(It may be argued whether this stamp can be regarded as “masonic” or not.)

1999

Santa Catarina, Florianopolis: Establishment of "Delta do Norde" Lodge…



2000

Grand Lodge of Brazil: 32nd year of establishment of "Mutirao" Lodge…



Grand Orient of Brazil, Cuiaba: 33rd year of establishment of "Luz e Liberdade II" Lodge…



2001

Grand Orient of Brazil, Santa Catarina: 113th year of "Nereu de Oliveira Ramos" Lodge



2002



Sao Paolo: 4th National Masonic Philately Exhibition on 50th year of "Castro Alves" Lodge



Sao Paolo: 10th year of "Os Templarios" Lodge…



5th National Masonic Philately Exhibition



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(Simultaneously, this is the 15th year of the establishment of "Ferraz de Vasconcelos" Lodge)

2004

Grand Orient of Brazil: 70th year of "Cavalheiros Spartanos" Lodge…



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Supreme Council of Brazil: 175th year.



Bicentennial year of the diplomatic relations between Brazil and France…



Entered Apprentice degree: Symbols and descriptions…





20 August; Freemasonry day





2005

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Supreme Council of Brazil, Establishment of Sao Paolo "Saldanha Marinho" Consistory.



Sao Paolo, Agudos, “Deus e Consciencia” Lodge, centennial year…





“Deus e Consciencia” Lodge: centennial year



2006

Bicentennial year of the birth of Jeronimo Francisco Coelho, soldier and politician…



3rd Masonic Philately Exhibition





Grand Lodge of Brazil: 38th year of establishment of "Mutirao" Lodge…



25th year of Freemasonry in Rondonia (Porto Velho Valley)



Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina: 5oth year of establishment…



2007

Grand Orient of Brazil: 185th year…



Rio de Janeiro, "Estrela da Guanabara" Lodge, 40th year…



Sao Paolo, Campinas Valey: “Independencia” Lodge, 140th year…



Minas Grerais, “Liberdade e Amor” Lodge, 200th year



Famous American Freemason Thomas W. Jackson, 55th year…





4th National Masonic Philately Exhibition



(This exhibition has been arranged for celebrating the 6th year of Rio Pretense Masonic Literature Research Academy.)

2008

Brazil Symbolic Freemasonry Confederation (CMSB) 37th Assembly…



4th Masonic Philately Exhibition



Grand Orient of Brazil, "Ferraz de Vasconcelas" Lodge, 20th year



Grand Lodge of Brazil: “Mutirao” Lodge, 40th year..





Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Federal District Liturgy Study





Grand Lodge of Sao Paolo: 87th Year



Freemasonry in Floresta: 230th year…





2009

Grand Lodge of Rondonia State: 25th year…



2010

The Order of Eastern Star: 10th year



Sao Paolo “Estrella d’Oeste” Lodge: 125th year…





Cuiaba, “Barls Luz e Liberdade II” Lodge



Grand Orient of Brazil, Cuiaba, “Conquista e Integraçao” Lodge: 40th year…



Cuiaba “Especial Concordia, Harmonia e Paz” Lodge



Grand Orient of Santa Catarina: 60th year…



Mato Grosso “Acacia do Occident” Lodge: 40th year…



Mato Grosso “Jaime Saite Fujii” Lodge: 40th year…



“Aurore Matogrossenze” Lodge: 10th year…



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Supreme Council of Brazil: 181st year assembly.



2011

Grand Orient of Sao Paolo: 90th Year…



De Molay Order: Anniversary of establishment…



Minas Gerais, "Estrela Caldense" Lodge: 115th Year…



Cuiaba "Conquista e Integraçao" Lodge: 40th year…



Grand Orient of Sao Paolo: 90th Year…



Minas Gerais, International Congress…



2012

Centennial anniversary of the birth of Luiz Conzaga, king of popular music in Brazil…





Grand Orient of Brazil: 190th year…





Famous statesman Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva: 250th anniversary of his birth.



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 33rd Degree



(Only the head part of the emblem of the degree has been taken.)

Confederation of Symbolic Freemasonry in Brazil: 17th Assembly, and Grand Lodge of Brazil: 42nd General Board Meeting





Painter Willy Zumblick: 100th year…



German Hermann Bruno Otto Blumenau, who founded the city of Blumenau …



Grand Orient of Pernambuco: 40th year…



2014

Masonic Philately Association of Brazil: 10th Year



Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason Series



Masonic Philately Association of Brazil: 15th Assembly



Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul: Establishment of “Rita Schröder” Lodge



Sao Pedro (Saint Peter)



(It may be argued whether this stamp is “masonic” or not.)

Ceara, “Deus e Amor” Lodge, 80th year…



Grand Orient of Minas Gerais: 70th Year



700th anniversary of the execution of Jacques de Molay, last Grand Master of Knights Templar





(A Demoy Order postcard)

11th Assembly of the Grand Masters of Feminine Freemasons



Famous Scientist Ubaldino do Amaral: 50th year of death…



Building of Grand Orient of Minas Gerais…



Famous Brazilian Diplomat Sergio Vieira de Mello…



2015

Minas Gerais:"Charitas II" Lodge, 120th Year



Building of Grand Lodge of Ceara;

Ceara "Cavalheiros Spartanos" Lodge, 80th year



Ceara, "Evolucao Nordestina" Lodge, 80th year



Mato Grosso “Acacia de Varzea” Lodge, 20th Year



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Brazil Supreme Council: Liturgy study by “Integracao e Harmonia” Consistory



Sao Paolo “Sublime Universo” Lodge, 50th year…



“Brusqie Deutche” Lodge working in German language, 20th year





2016

Grand Orient of Brazil, Cuiaba “Aurora Matogrossense” Lodge, 10th year



Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina, 60th year





Santa Catarina, Cuiaba “Filhos de Salamao” Lodge, 40th Year



2017

Supreme Council of Brazil, Pernambuco “Itambe” Areopagus…



Rite of Memphis-Misraim…i



De Molay Order (San Jose), in 300th year of Freemasonry



Grand Orient of Sao Paolo, “Aboliçao e Indiependencia” Lodge, 50th year…



Cariri District Masonic Congress



Famous Freemason Cônego Joaquim das Mercês, in 300th year of Freemasonry



Famous diplomat Lauro Müller



Grand Lodge of Sao Paolo, 90th Year



Masonic Philately Club of Brazil, Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina



Building of the United Grand Lodge of England, in 300th year of Freemasonry



Quadruple Block



Large Temple of the United Grand Lodge of England, in 300th year of Freemasonry



Quadruple Block



Politician Luiz Gonçalves, 70th year





Giuseppe Garibaldi: 210th year of birth…





Grand Orient of Sao Paolo, "Aboliçao e Indiependencia" Lodge, 50th year…



Lawyer Olintho Franklin: 50th year of initiation in Freemasonry…





Poet Castro Alves: 170th year…



Cariri District Masonic Congress…



Brazil Masonic Philately Club: 45th Year…



(Renato Mauro Schramm)

21 June –Grand Orient of Sao Paolo: 66th year, and "Barao de Ramalho" Lodge; 66th year as well…



Famous Politician Nilo Peçanha: 150th year of birth…



Grand Lodge of Sao Paolo: 90th year…







(The Grand Lodge of Sao Paolo and the Grand Orient of Sao Paolo are different masonic bodies.)

Philosopher-Poet Swami Vivekananda…



Hermann Bruno Otto Blumenau, from German origin, founder of the city of Blumenau: 198th year of birth...



(A weird selection of celebrating date of birth… It wouldn't be a soif it would be in 2019.)

Sao Paolo "Ribeirao Preto" Lodge: 50th year…





Giuseppe Garibaldi: 200th year…



Sao Paolo “Marrey Junior” Lodge: 50th year…



2018

170th year of migrations…



Grand Lodge of Ceara…



Goethe: 270th year of past birthday…



Grand Orient of Brazil: “Hermann Blumenau” Lodge



Federal District “Isis” Lodge: 50th year…



Revolutionist Jose de San Martin: 240th year…



Paraiba, “Branca Dias” Lodge: centennial year…



Sao Paolo, "Branca Dias" Lodge: centennial year…



Grand Lodge of Sao Paolo, “Renascença” Lodge: 40th year…



Nereu Ramos, 20th President of Brazil: 130th year of initiation in Freemasony.



Intelligence and Technology Fair – Leonardo da Vinci



2019

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 33rd degree apron



(All 33rd degree aprons of the rite are not like this.)

Zodiac Series - Taurus



Zodiac Series - Ram



(There should be other stamps and first day envelopes of this Zodiac Series. However, because it is a considerably new date, these might not have been reflected to Masonic Philately yet.) (2019)

The Rite of Adonhiramite: 275th year



Twelve-stamp block:



(This stamp can be regarded as an evidence of the contemporary existence of the Adonhiramite Rite, that is mentioned in masonic literature just shortly, by its practice in Brazil.)

Guiana

1987

Lafayette and Winston Churchill



(First double of the series)

Quadruple Block: Lafayette



Quadruple Block: Churchill



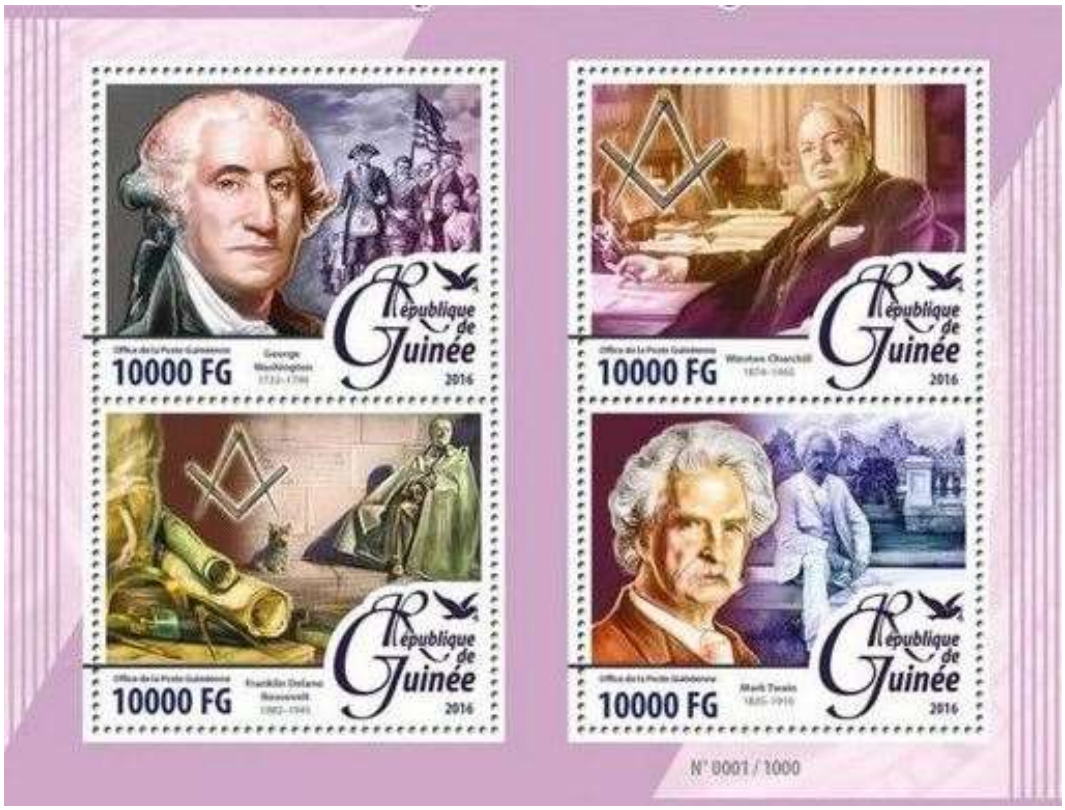
Mozart and Astronaut Edwin Aldrin



(Second double of the series)

2016

Mason Celebrities (Quadruple Block)



(George Washington, Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mark Twain)

Another mason celebrity (within Postcard)



(Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette)

Surinam

1961

Masonic Lodge building in Paramaribo…



Venezuela

President Antonio Guzman Blanco…



(The real importance of this stamp is that it has been issued on the centennial year of establishment of both the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of Venezuela.)

Colombia

2012

Francisco de Paula Santander



(Statesman in Colombia in mid-19th year and president for some time.)

Establihment of the Republic of Colombia…



2017

Tricentennial year of Freemasonry (Nine-stamp Block)



Six-stamp series

A – Plumb Rule



B – Piece of art



C – Square and Compasses



D – Temple



E – Door



F – Flower Sculpture

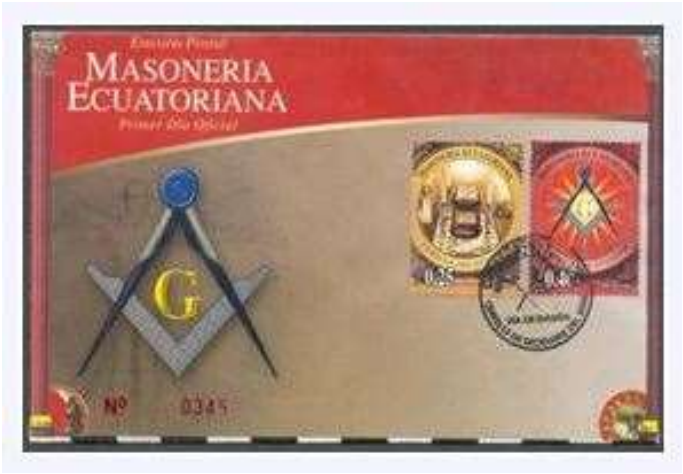


Ecuador

2006

Two stamps that are very popular in Masonic Philately…





Peru

2007

Grand Lodge of Peru: 125th Year



Together with its building:



Bolivia

The only masonic stamp that we could find for this country…



Paraguay

1921

A stamp in Masonic Philately, however masonic connection could not be understood.



2011

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Supreme Council of Paraguay: 140th Year…



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, building of Supreme Council of Paraguay.





Argentina

1949

Stamps in Masonic Philately…



(In fact, there are only two stamps here. Others are just difference in color.)

1985

Death anniversary of famous statesman Juan Bautista Alberdi, and others…



Uruguay

1959

Association of Young Christians: 50th Year…



(It is difficult to state that this series of stamps is masonic… There are just a triangle and the sign referred to as "Labarum". However they are seen in Masonic Philately.)

1970

Centennial year of decline of the Papal power.



1980

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.



1989

Bi centennial year of Freemasonry in Uruguay…





(These lodges are all connected to foreign obediences.)

2003

Grand Lodge of Uruguay: as of 1856…



Building of the Grand Lodge…





2006

Uruguay stamps indicating the principles of Freemasonry.



(A better illustration couldn't be found.)

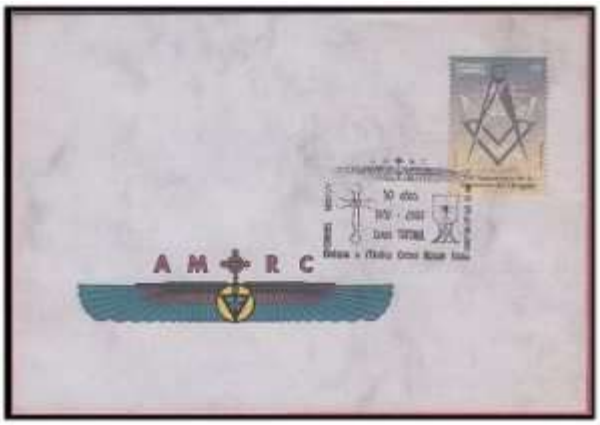
2006

Freemasonry in Uruguay: 150th Year…





Contemporary Rosicrucian Order AMORC in Uruguay: 150th year…



(This is a co-masonic order but the stamp on the envelope is masonic.)

2015

Grand Orient of Uruguay: 25th Year…





(It is interesting to observe here the silhouette of the building of the United Grand Lodge of England. Because they don't have any relation at all.)

Falkland Islands

1985

Those who provided the establishment of Falkland Islands.



Chile

1997

American International Masonic Confederation: 50th year…







1998

Francisco Bilbao, writer, philosopher and politician of 19th Century.



2000

4th Masonic Convention of Chile





2004

Global Conference of Grand Lodges (Santiago)





Mexico

1973

Centennial year of the death of Francesco Madero, one of the leaders of Mexican revolution…



(Later, Fracesco Madero acted as the President as well.)

1990

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 14th Conference of Supreme Councils…



First day of issue cover:



El Salvador

2012

Grand Lodge of Cuscatlan: 100th Year…



Honduras

1938

Lodge building in Tegucigalpa…



1949

"Maestre Affonso Domingues" Lodge



1972

Grand Lodge of Honduras: 50th Year (surcharged)







Costa Rica

1929

A masonic temple



1965

Centennial year of Freemasonry in Costa Rica…



Panama

1978

Masonic institutions in Panama…



(In addition to Symbolic Freemasonry, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Hoyal Arch and Knight Templar degrees of the York Rite, , Shriners, and two more orders, presumably the Rite of Memphis-Misraim, and the Order of Secret Monitor.)

Antigua & Barbuda

1986

Actor and Singer Al Jolson…



(Redonda is an independent island in Antigua. It is not the Volta Redonda in Brazil.)

1993

Grand Lodge buildings and grand inspectors.



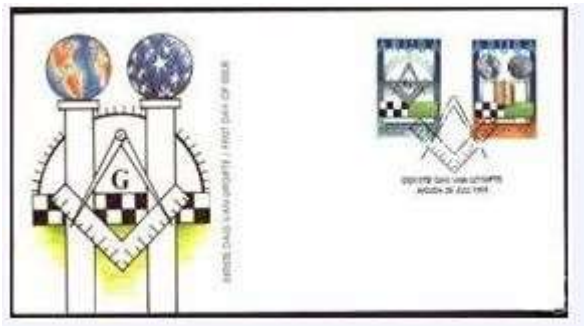
(They are not said to be "grand masters" but inspectors.)

Aruba

1996

"O Sol Nascente" Lodge: 75th year…





Bahamas

1947

A letter sent to Scotland…



(This is not a "first day issue envelope"; it is just an ordinary letter. The specialty is the envelope itself. Whereas this is also not "masonic", but a lodge of the co-masonic Order of Mechanics, attached to the Scottish organization.)

Barbados

1976

Prince Hall, leader of black freemasons in North America…



Bicentennial anniversary of the independence of USA…



Remembering the American Revolution…





1981

Remembering the American Revolution, repeated…



1990

Freemasonry in Barbados: 250th Year (single stamp)



First lodge in Barbados: 250th year…



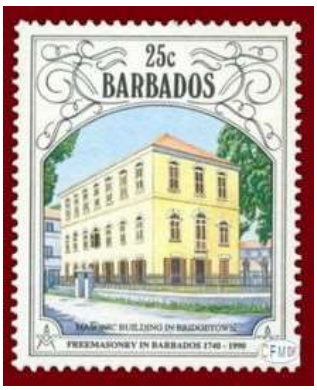
1991

Freemasonry in Barbados: 250th Year (full series)

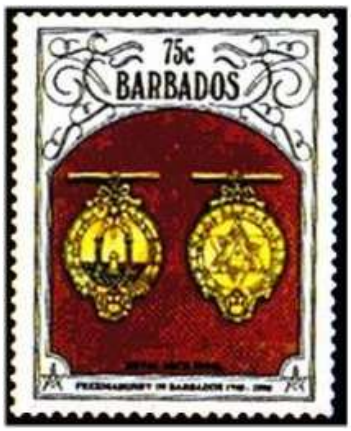


Charter to first lodge in Barbados: 250th year…





Jewels of York Rite…1



Bequia

1989

In remembrance of Walt Disney; Grand Master McDuck…



Bermuda

1970

Lodge building in Bermuda St. Georges…



(This 350 year old building had previously been used by the Parliament.)

Curacao (Holland Antilles)

1985

Symbolic numbers in Freemasonry: 3-5-7…



"De Vergenoeging no 12" Lodge: 200th Year…





Dominic Republic

1970

Central America Symbolic Masonry Congress



Central America Symbolic Masonry, 8th Congress…



1982

Freemasonry in Dominic Republic: 125th year…



2007

Freemasonry in Dominic Republic: 150th year…





Grenada

1987

John Jacob Berzelius of Swedish origin…



Jamaica

1992

British Freemasonry in Jamaica: 250th year…







Turks & Caicos Islands

1984

Famous writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: 125th year of birth…



Cuba

1941

A letter sent from Havana Masonic Bureau of press to New York…



1956

Building of the Grand Lodge of Cuba





Simon Bolivar …



Porto Rico

1935

Grand Lodge of Porto Rico: 50th year and its founder Santiago R. Palmer



St Kitts

1985

A series of 4stamps: 150th year of "Mount Olive" Lodge…



St Lucia

1984

A series of 3 stamps: The kings and queens; George III



(This was included in Masonic Philately due to the two pillars.)