Freemasonry in Philately – 3
Britain and Western Europe



As regards Masonic Philately, one might assume that Britain, England in particular, is very rich. However, when compared with some other countries, it is seen that this is not the case at all. Who knows, maybe it is actually very rich, but we could not find it due to lack of resources. Hence we just present what we could find.

England

1900

Masonic seal at the back of the envelope…



Edward VII, King of UK…



(Alike stamps of other kings and statesman, there's a masonic figure in this stamp.)

1904

Postcard: King Edward VII, Grand Master of the Unuted Grand Lodge of England.



(The barcode at the back side of this card has been stuck on a later date.)

1946

King George VI…



(Stamps including the picture of King George VI have been issued in various colours and were used in postage for years.)

One of these stamps in the following colour is very rare.



1965

Death of Winston Churchill…



1972

Silver year of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh…



1973

Birth of famous architect Inigo Jones; 400th year



1974

Sir Winston Churchill…



1975

Bible (Volume of the Sacred Law in Fn Freemasonry): 200th year…



1976

58th Congress of Philately in England …



1978

Trafalgar War and Horatio Nelson



1980

"Concorde" Lodge in International Stamp Exhibition



1981

Queen Elizabeth I…



1982

Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England: Prince Edward, Duke of Kent…



The naming of the 8th boat of the Royal Rescue Boat Association by the Duchess of Kent…



(This first day of issue cover has been regarded as "masonic", due to the fact that Prince Edward, duke of Kent was the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England on that date.)

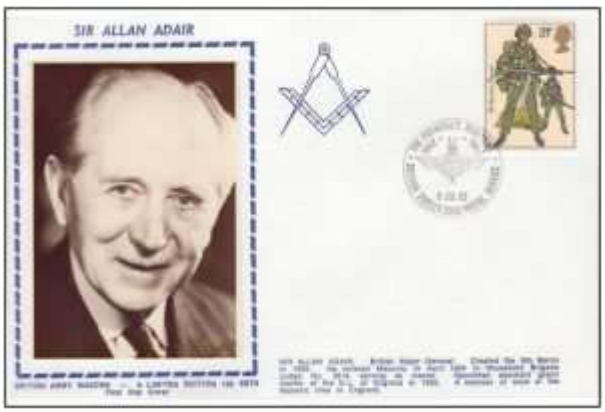
1983

First Day of Cover Series of English Soldier Freemasons

Sir John D. P. French



Sir Allan Adair



Douglas Haig



Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught



Horatio Herbert Kitchener



Arthur, Duke of Wellington



Sir John Moore



Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel



Robert F. Scott



1984

"La France" Lodge no. 2060: 100th year



Start of the use of Greenwich Meridian: 100th year



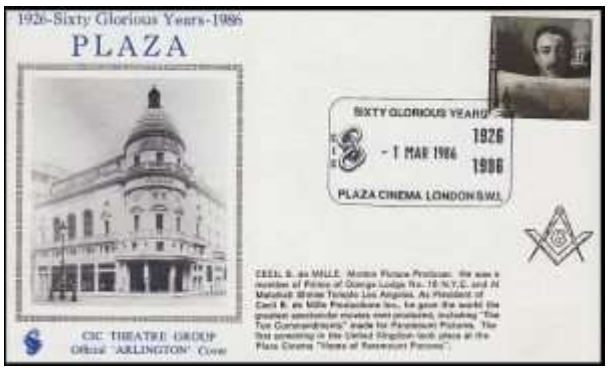
1985

Birth of famous actor Peter Sellers: 60th year…



1986

Plaza Cinema: 60th year



"Howard" Lodge: 250th year festival…



1988
Masonic Philately Club of England



1990
Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire



(The picture illustrates official chair of grand masters.)

1991
Masonic Philatey Club of England – Ancient and Accepted Rite, Rose-croix degree



1993
Establishment of Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk



1996

Edward VIII, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England…



(Edward VIII was crowned in 1936, but then left the throne.)

2017

300th anniversary of Freemasonry…











A block of 10 stamps…



Ireland

19th Century

Postcard: Dublin Phoenix Park, building named “Vicegeral LodgeIt is said that “



(It is said that masonic lodges worked in this building once upon a time.)

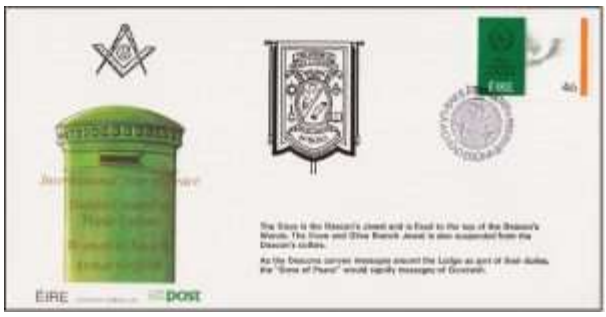
1980

Oscar Wilde: 130th year of birth…



1986

Year of international peace and good will…



Scotland

Robert Burns: 225th year of birth…





Jersey

1985

Independence of Jersey: 40th year…



1991



Guernsey

1984

Sir John Doyle: 150th year of death…



Belgium

1980

Leopold I: first king of independent Belgium…



1982

Grand Orient of Belgium, 150th Year…









1984

University of Brussels established by freemasons: 150th year



1989

Bricklaying in the era of Operative Masonry…



(This stamp appears in Masonic Philately, but it may be argued whether it is "masonic" or not.)

1993





(As in the literature of Masonic Philately, this may be thought as "masonic" in the first glance, however it might not be so… UAE, is a society in the Union of Ancient Students in the University of Brussels. 1993 is the year of celebration of 150th anniversary of this institution.)

1997

Bricklaying in the era of Operative Masonry (once again)…



(Another version of the stamp issued in 1989)

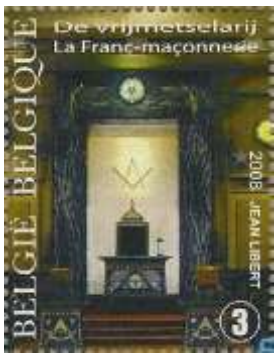
Works in Operative Masonry…



(Regarding this series of four stamps, -one of them was seen in 1989- almost all features of Operative Masonry are seen. Among these, in addition to stone cutting and bricklaying, metal and wooden works are observed.)

2008

Grand temple of Grand Orient of Belgium in 200th year…





Netherlands

20th Century (uncertain dates)

Postcard: Building of “Ster in het Oosten” un Weltevreden…



“Raisance” Lodge



1965

A stamp with an indefinite the purpose…



(Although having been included in Masonic Philately, this may be not “masonic”.)

1966

"L'Aurore" Lodge in Brielle: 225th year…



Masonic Building Construction Fund…



1978

"Zwolle" Lodge in Amsterdam Naarden: 175th year



1980

Prof Pieter Jacobus Oud…



1981

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 29th Assembly of European Grand Commanders…



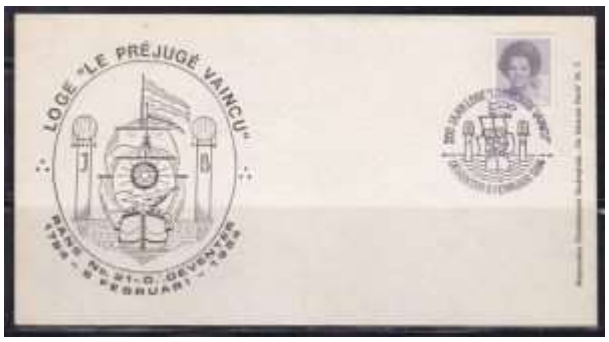
1982

Lieuwarden “De Friesche Trouw” Lodge: 200th Year



1984

Deventer “Le Prejuge Vaincu” Lodge: 200th Year



“L’union Royale” Lodge: 250th Year



1986

“Aurore” Lodge: 225th Year



“Geldersche Broedersschap” Lodge: 200th Year



(The 5 first day covers above are alike. There are minor differences.)

2006

Grand Orient of Netherlends: 250th Year…





Multicolour cubes:



(When the two of these stamps are seen just alone, they may be thought of not having any masonic connection at all. However, they were included in Masonic Philately, and in order to indicate that they're "masonic" indeed, they were accompanied by a stamp of Grand Orient of Netherlands, celebrating 250th year.)

2008

Anniversary of "De Oetende Rand" Lodge…



"Fides Frisia" Lodge:



"West Friesland" Lodge:



2010

Establishment of “Pythagoras” Lodge in Zoetermeer…



(The figure at the left is the emblem of the lodge.)

The inseparable one…



Masonic Philately Study Group:



2012

Huizen, “Schorende” Lodge: 35th year





“Flevo” Lodge: 50th Year



“Het Azuren” Lodge: 25th Year



A lodge in Rotterdam celebration 50th year of its establishment...



(The name of the lodge couldn't be read.)

A series of stone chiselling and processing…



(The first one was issued in 2010, the second in 2011, and the third in 2012.)

2013

"Humaniteer" Lodge: 100th Year…



“Het Noordelijk Halfrond” Lodge: 100th Year…



“Vicit Vim Virtus” Lodge: 225th year…



2014

“Liuefde en Trouw” Lodge:



“L’union Frederic” Lodge: 100th Year…



“Het Noordelijk Halfrond” Lodge:



(A year earlier, its 100th year has been celebrated.)

2015

“Viglius” Lodge:



2016

“Het Vrij Geweenten” Lodge:



Road to the lodge…



Arnhem “Het Golden Flies” Lodge: 50th Year



2017

300th anniversary of Freemasonry…



(In 2017, there are various stamps issued in many countries for celebrating the 300th year of Freemasonry. These may be said to be similar in one way or the other. However, this stamp issued in the Netherlands is quite different.)

In remembrance of Grand Master Baron van Boetzaler of the Grand Lodge of Netherlands in 18th century…



Luxembourg

1978

Grand Lodge of Luxembourg: 175th year…





1995

Masonic Research Bureau of Search for the Missing…



(This is not a fist day cover; it is a letter.)

1997

46th year of Quatuor Coronati Lodge:



1998

"St Jean de l'Esperance" Lodge: 150th Year…









France

Stamps and postcards with indefinite date

Postcard: Lyon “Change” Lodge (hand drawing)



Postcard: Small Orient of France: “Cassarole Vigilante” Lodge Worshipful Masters…



(Although no problem can be seen here, this “Small Orient” (Petit Orient) term couldn’t be understood.)

National Grand Lodge of France: a lodge working in English:



(This lodge had been established in 1948.)

Invitation; but where?







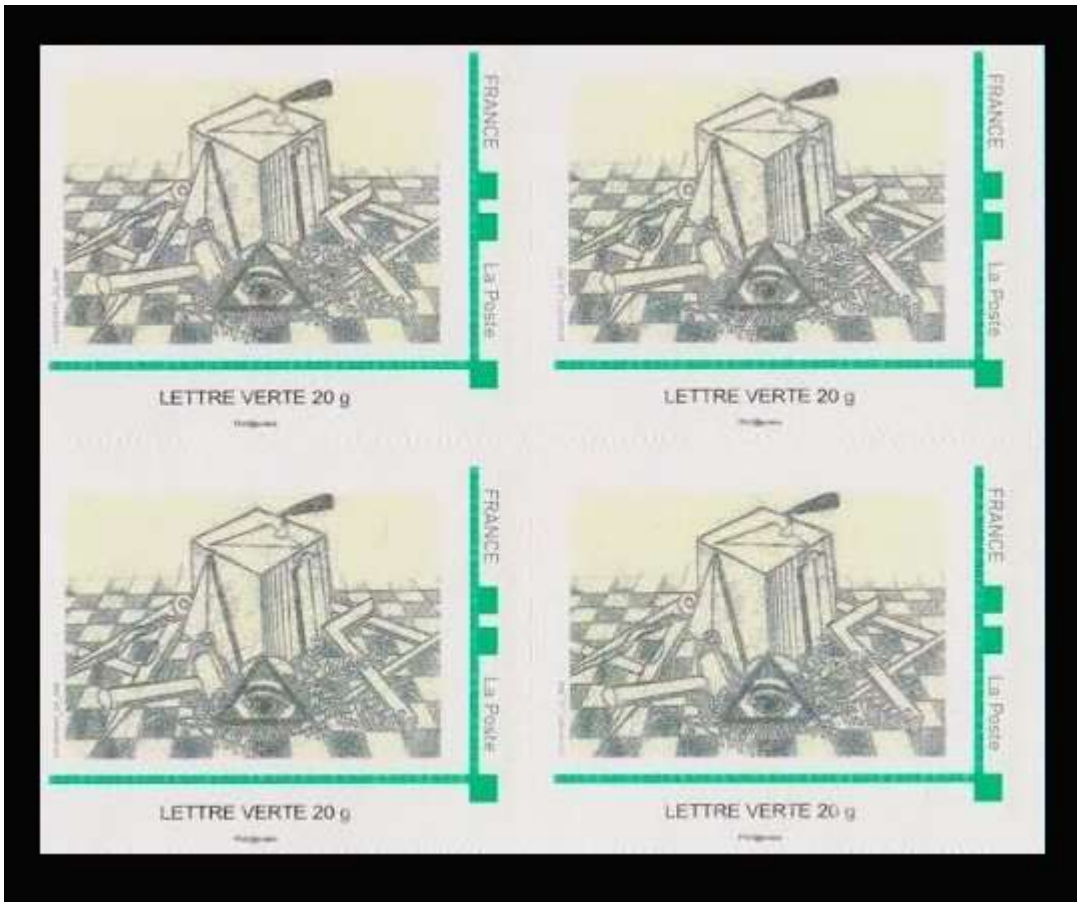
(Three separate quadruple blocks.)

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 30th Degree: White and Black Double Headed Eagle…



(A rarger size of this stamp couldn't be found.)

Green Letter (quadruple block)…



A very rare stamp emphasizing solidarity in Freemasonry…



Postcard: Fellowship Order…



(this is an anti-masonic postcard.)

Those with definite dates:

1895

Tsar Alexander III; a letter stamped for Germany.



1904

Postcard: Grand Orient of France (caricature)



(Gabriel Syveton and Minister of War General Louis André, famous freemasons in early 20th century... This postcard can be considered as anti-masonic.)

1907

Narbonne Group of Non-religious Liberal Thinkers postage envelope…



(As regards Freemasonry, this envelope may be regarded as irrelevant.)

1914

Grand Orient of France, Toulouse Hospital No. 31



(This is a postage envelope… It is included in Masonic Philately. similar ones will be seen..)

French Rose-Croix, Envelope of Bordeaux Hospital No. 28…



1915

Grand Orient of France, Toulouse Hospital No. 31…



(Date of postage is different.)

Postcard of the same hospital…



Another postcard…



1916

Postcard of Bordeaux Hospital No. 28…



1917

Another postcard of the same hospital…



1919

Postcard of United English-American Armies in France…



1959

Different versions of the same stamp issued during 1959 – 1976…



(This stamp that can be regarded as "masonic" due to figures it contains, has been issued on different dates in different colours.)

1937

Postcard: An international exhibition in Paris…



1956

The Order of the Knights of Malta…



(This is not directl related to Freemasonry, but this order is frequently mentioned in masonic literature.)

1968

Philippe IV, King of France, who was getting prepared to eliminate the Knights Templar and seize their treasure (1302)…



(This stamp is not "masonic" in the first glance. However, this historical event taking place in the History of Freemasonry is regarded as quite important.)

1969

Napoleon Bonaparte: 200th year of birth…



(Here the small figures of bee that Napoleon Bonaparte used to attach on his collar is emphasized in particular.)

1973

Blocks of a stamped issued to celebrate 200th year of Grand Orient of France, that has been issued in various colours…




0.90


0.90



A very rare colour of this stamp…



6 separate first day of issue envelopes, to celebrate 200th year of Grand Orient of France…













Lafayette on 200th year of Grand Orient of France…



19770

Rose… Symbol of love and mysteries…



Bayeux Cathedral and the Labyrinth of Villard de Honnecourt



American General Pershing…



(In the Section of USA & Canada, There are a number of first day issue covers in remebrence of General Pershing.)

1978

Etienne Alexandre Jacques Anisson Duperron, famous director of French National Print House…



1979

Bee and beehive as a symbol in Freemasonry…



1982

Postcard of International Philately Fair Philex…



1983

Bicentennial year of Ballooning (Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier)



1985

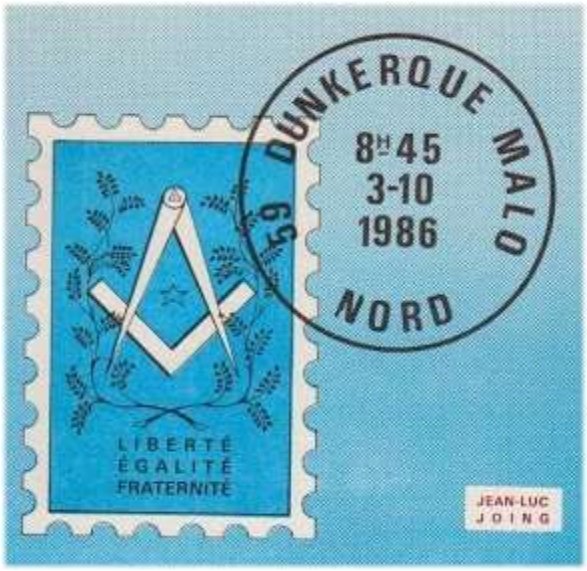
Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, builder of the Statute of Liberty in New York …



(In remembrance of Bartholdi, masonic first day of issue covers have been printed in various countries, in USA in Particular.)

1986

An imitational picture on the cover page of a Masonic Philately book named "Franc-maçonnerie et la Philatélie"…



From the Museum of Grand Orient of France …



1988

National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF): 75th year…



1989

François Christophe de Kellermann, famous military leader…



“Fraternité” Lodge of National Grand Lodge of France in Neully…



(Bicentennial year of French Revolution)

1991

Martin Nadaud, operative mason of 19th century…



(He is famous by the saying “When the building goes, everything goes”.)

1993

Centennial year of Mixed Rite “Droit Humain”…











LE DROIT HUMAIN

L'origine de la franc-maçonnerie opérative remonte à la nuit des temps, et de nombreuses supputations s'affrontent à ce sujet. La plus traditionnelle fait référence à la construction du Temple de Salomon à Jérusalem, et à l'assassinat de son architecte Hiram. Par contre, la franc-maçonnerie spéculative, constituant la franc-maçonnerie contemporaine, est issue de la fondation du premier atelier non-opératif de la Grande Loge de Londres et Westminster le 2 juin 1717. C'est en 1723 que furent publiées les *Constitutions d'Anderson*, qui demeurent la charte de la franc-maçonnerie universelle. En France, la première loge s'ouvre à Paris le 1er juin 1726. En 1773, la Grande Loge de France devient le Grand Orient de France. En 1865, celui-ci se dote de nouvelles constitutions qui, en 1877, se modifient en abandonnant la référence à Dieu, ce qui provoque la rupture avec la Grande Loge d'Angleterre. Dès lors, les loges françaises ne dépendent plus que d'elles-mêmes et, à la fin du siècle, le désir des femmes d'accéder à la franc-maçonnerie se fait de plus en plus pressant face à l'opposition manifestée à cet égard par les obédiences maçonniques alors existantes.

En 1882, Maria Deraismes, écrivain et journaliste, parvient à convaincre quelques amis, frères d'une loge du Pecq, "Les *libres Penseurs*", de l'initier. Malgré le scandale provoqué ainsi dans le monde maçonnique elle rallie à sa cause le Dr Georges Martin, sénateur et conseiller général, et fonde avec son appui le Droit Humain, ordre mixte et universel, le 4 avril 1893.

L'émission d'un timbre-poste commémore cet événement, rendant hommage à ses fondateurs mais aussi à toutes les femmes et à tous les hommes qui, sans distinction de sexes, de races, de religions, de philosophies, contribuent au perfectionnement de l'humanité dans l'harmonie, la justice et la joie. Aujourd'hui, l'Ordre Mixte International le Droit Humain, s'étend sur 56 Pays. L'obédience française compte 12.000 membres et constitue ainsi la troisième puissance maçonnique, derrière le Grand Orient de France et la Grande Loge de France. En 1973, un timbre-poste avait déjà été consacré à la franc-maçonnerie à l'occasion du bicentenaire du Grand Orient de France.

L'illustration du feuillet a été confiée à Marie-Noëlle GOFFIN, artiste peintre, qui a dessiné et gravé en taille douce la figurine émise.

(This enlarged first day envelope, history of the rite is described… Below is another one...)



(Both are written in so small letters that it cannot be easily read even when enlarged.)

Boulogne Droit Humain "Harmonie et Liberte" Lodge Postcard



1994

Grand Lodge of France: 100th Year…







(Despite being like a first day of issue cover, here, the history of Grand Lodge of France is described. Still, it is ellegible.)

And a first day of issue cover...

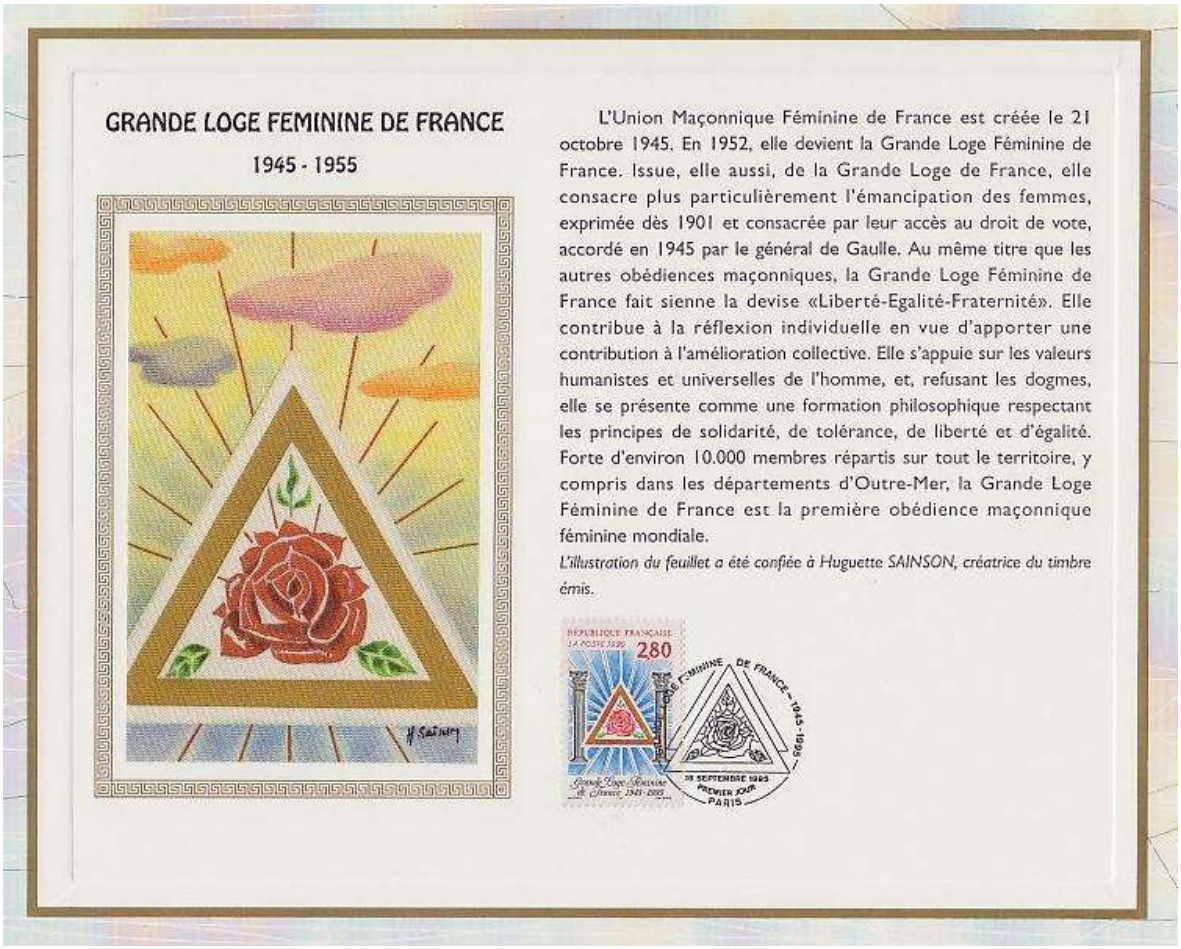


1995

Feminine Grand Lodge of France: 50th year…







(In fact, this description has been made for the 10th year of the Grand Lodge.)

Hour glass, star and other symbols

50th year of company committees…



(This is not a masonic stamp but, due to the symbols that it contains, it has been included in Masonic Philately.)

2000

Philatey Club of France…



2003

National Grand Lodge of France: 90th Year…



(This is one of the most popular stamps used in French postage..)







French Freemasonry…



Postcard



Postcard of Noltalgie…



(the front and back sides)

Model of St. Petrus Churceh in Yonne, France…



(It may be argued whether this stamp can be regarded as “masonic” just due to a drawing of the fothic style in architecture.)

Freemasonry in France: 275th year…



(This is a description of history rather than being a first day of issue cover.)

2006

National Grand Lodge of France







2008

France-Lebanon…



(How can this stamp be "masonic"? Tall cedars of Lebanon is a symbol in Freemasonry.)

A first day of issue cover in Serres-Castet, France…



(This is only the stamped side of the envelope.)

Freemasonry in France: 250th year…



(In this first day of cover, various stamps are seen to have been brought together. There is no discrimination among obediences.)

2009

Another first day of issue cover from Serres-Castet…



Mâcon Saône et Loire…



(This stamp has been included in Masonic Philately, but it is not due to the word "Mâcon" Which might have been considered as related to Freemasonry. Actually, Mâcon is a city in the Saône et Loire district in France. Can the figure of the person in the first plan be an operative mason?.. Maybe!))

2010

A first day of issue cover from Serres-Castet, including previous stmaps and some others…



(Here, everything is together…)

2013

Tracing Board of Entered Apprentice:



(4 separate colours)

2014

Grand Orient of France: “Febus” Lodge in Pau, 30th year…





Grand Orient of France; “Le Reveil de Bearn” Lodge in Pau, 100th year…



2015

Evariste de Parny, writer and poet: 200th year of death...



(The envelope has been stamped a year later.)

Works of an entered apprentice…



2017

"Chatoyant sont les 33 degrés du REAA"

Jean-Marc Cybart and Serge Van Khache, 33rd degree members of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Grand College of Rites of France, have written a book under the above-mentioned title, in which they examine the degrees of this rite from another point of view. In this book, they have depicted the masons who live the adventure of all the degrees of the rite from beginning to end with a "cat" motif.

Don't ever think this is a book that mocks or caricatures Freemasonry. It is very serious... There are the writings of the grand commanders of the high council at the beginning and at the end.

Some of the drawings in this book were engraved on stamps, thus also included in Masonic Philately. Below you will see the ones that we were able to find on the internet. We will put them in order among themselves, but we will not indicate which stage of initiation in Freemasonry they relate to.


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La Poste
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LETTRE VERTE 20 g
DEUX-SE

2018

Another full first day cover from Serret Castet…



International convention for a European ideal…



"L'Amitie" Lodge: 200th Year…



Spain

1982

Grand Lodge of Spain…



1983

Grand Lodge of Spain: first anniversary of establishment…



(The figure in the second first day of issue cover was used previously.)

1989

Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain: 10th Year…



1993

Freemasonry in New Caledonia: 125th year…



2001

History of Spain…



(Despite this takes place in a series of stamps concerning the history of Spain, it is obviously a "masonic" stamp.)

300th year of light…



(A very interesting symbolic expression.)

2010

Restoration of a temple in Santa Cruz de Tenerife in Canary Islands …





Portugal

1984

Don Pedro of Portugal, first emperor in Brazil in 19th century…



2000

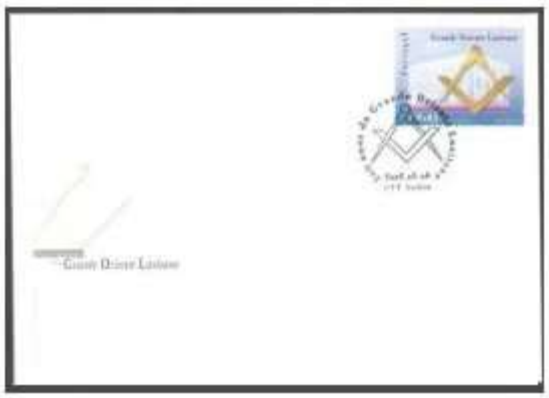
Postcard: Famous politician Alfonso Augusto da Costa…



2002

Grand Orient of Lusitano…





Gibraltar

2017

Anniversary of lodges, first illustration (enlarged)



Anniversary of lodges, second illustration (enlarged)



All together in a first day of issue cover…

