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 On Sept. 18th. 1793, President George Washington in a brilliant Masonic ceremony laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capital. The stone was set in the South East corner on top of which he placed the traditional corn, wine and oil. The apron worn by Washington was presented to him by Marquis de Lafayette.



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First Friday of Every Month
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BY THE SOUND OF THE GAVEL

It was a pleasure to greet the brothers who attended our first meeting of the new season on September 10th. The program of the evening consisted of the members displaying and discussing new additions to their collections that they obtained during the summer.

Though the attendance was only fair, we hope it will improve as the year progresses. Some of our brothers come direct from their work and meet at Lumar's Restaurant at Madison Ave. and 33rd St., where we have a pre-meeting dinner. This is dutch treat naturally. Any of our members who care to join us are cordially and fraternally invited to join us. This not only serves as a chance to socialize but is a convenience to our brothers who would not have time to go home, eat and get back to the city for our 8 o'clock meeting.

I am looking forward to meeting many of our members during the balance of my term as president.

EMANUEL M. REGGEL

THE EDITOR SAYS —

The cover of this issue features a card from the collection of Brother S. J. Bensen of Caldwell N.J. Brother Bensen has other similar items for other important Masonic dates and we look forward to receiving them in the future. Many thanks to this brother.

This issue also includes an article written by Jack E. Bettencourt as well as an index of Volume 27 of the Masonic Philatelist prepared by the first vice president of the club, Bob Smith.

Again we appeal for articles of interest. Without them it is impossible to fill 8 pages. Please send them to, Roy T. Ketcham, 1827 East 33rd St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234.

CLUB MAKES DONATION TO MASONIC HOME

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York Inc., has made a donation of three boxes of material to the Masonic Home in Utica, New York. Yale Shapiro and his employer, Adelaar Bros. Inc., of New York City helped make this project a success. They will be used by the guests at the home in their art and craft projects.

FLEMING APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emanuel M. Reggel, president of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, has appointed D. Malcolm Fleming to the Board of Directors. His appointment is

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Membership Chairman Norman Sehl-meyer has informed us that the following brothers have joined the Masonic Stamp Club of New York Inc. It is always a pleasure to greet these members of the fraternity and we hope as many as can will attend our meetings if they visit New York.

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Mystic Lodge #405
Dayton, Ohio

for one year and he replaced brother Reggel who had to resign from the board to assume his office as president.

NEWS FROM MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

Brother Allen Smith who was serving as treasurer of the Masonic Stamp Club of Philadelphia resigned from this office as he retired and moved to New Mexico to enjoy his retirement. Brother Abner I. Kayser was elected to fill his office.

This club meets the fourth Thursday of every month (except July and August) at the Public Saving Building, Woodbine and Montgomery Ave. Nar-beth, Pa. all brethren are invited to visit their meetings.

The Masonic Stamp Club of Philadelphia has announced that it is sponsoring a multicolor cacheted cover, featuring Lafayette, to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the constitution of Lafayette Lodge No. 71 F&AM. The cover will be franked with the Lafayette issues, with an insert containing a short history of the Lodge, and will be cancelled "Lafayette Hills, Pa.". Historically, in this area, Lafayette was with Washington in the Battle of Germantown before the retreat to Valley Forge. Orders for the covers, to be postmarked September 14th, may be sent to Forrest G. Smith, 129 Argyle Road, Apt No. A-2, Ardmore, Pa. 19003. They are 35¢ each, three for \$1. We would appreciate addressed gummed labels. Un-addressed orders should include a No. 10 stamped envelope.

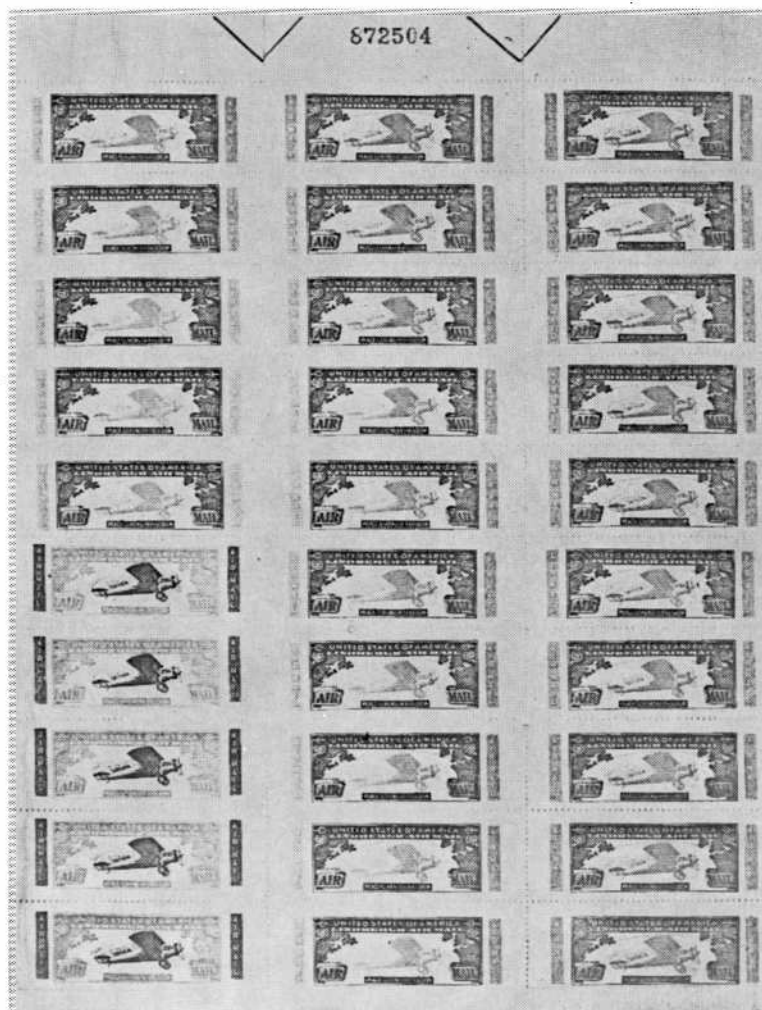


SIR WALTER SCOTT

In our May issue Brother Marshall S. Lowe wrote an article about Sir Walter Scott. At the time, the date of issue by the British Post Office, of this commemorative stamp was not known. The new issue was released on July 28th as part of a set of 3 stamps. The denomination was 7½p. other stamps in the set depicted John Keats (3p) and Thomas Gray (5p).

Those Simulated US Lindberg Stamps

By JACK BETTENCOURT



EDITORS NOTE: On Aug. 7 "Western Stamp Collector" published an article by brother Jack Bettencourt, Jack as we know is one of the leading authorities on Lindbergh stamps in the world. With his permission we are re-printing it for the benefit of our members who have not read it.

"Western Stamp Collector" of November 21, 1967 carried an informative article by Philip Silver on the labels which bear a startling resemblance to the US air mail stamp (Scott's #C10) honoring Charles Lindbergh and his memorable flight on May 20-21, 1927 from New York City to Paris.

Recently I acquired a full sheet of

the labels, and found that Mr. Silver's "educated guess" on its layout, which he made from a partial sheet, was remarkably accurate.

Quoting Mr. Silver, "They were apparently privately printed by someone who obviously had a philatelic background. Portions of the frame, the maps of the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Europe, the British Isles, and the central vignette appear to have been reproduced by a photographic process. Even the dotted line which shows Lindbergh's route from New York to

Paris is on the label in the same position as on the air mail stamps."

The label and the Lindbergh stamp are approximately the same size, 46 by 19mm. The label is perf. 12, and the Lindbergh stamp is perf. 11. However, the label features a vertical bar 3 by 19mm on each side of the central motif and separated from it by a 2mm space. "Air mail" is inscribed on each bar.

The sheet measures 8½" by 11" with 30 labels arranged in three columns of 10 labels. The color of the Lindbergh stamp, as is well known, is deep blue. These labels, however, are bicolored—red and royal blue, and there are two types. On twenty-five of the labels, taking in all except the last five in the first column, the frame and maps are blue, the plane and vertical side bars red.

On the five labels remaining the colors are reversed. The frame and maps are red, the plane and side bars blue.

The photocopy of Lindbergh stamp and sheet of labels facilitates a comparative study.



As details are difficult to decipher on a photocopy and to make this presentation more nearly complete, I again quote from Mr. Silver's study. The Lindbergh stamp "has 'United States Postage' in wide, double-line capitals with serifs across the top. The Lindbergh label has 'United States of America' at the top in narrow negative capitals without serifs.

"Both the stamp and label have 'Lindbergh Air Mail' in colorless capital letters with serifs below the inscription across the top.

"On #C10, the denomination figure is in the lower left corner. On the label 'Air' appears in heavy type in this position on a ribbon ornament.

"C10 has the denomination figure in the lower right corner. 'Mail' appears in this position on the labels, in heavy type on a ribbon.

"On the stamp 'Cents' appears in shaded heavy letters at the bottom. On the label 'Peace-Strength-Freedom' is shown at the bottom in colorless capitals on a solid bar.

"Although the name 'Spirit of St. Louis' appears on the fuselage of the plane on the stamp as well as the label,

the number NX211 which appears on the plane's tail on the stamp is missing on the label."

It is hoped that this article which consolidates known information on the labels which simulate the US Lindbergh stamp will prove of value to collectors interested in "Lindberghiana" in general or labels.

Regretfully major questions on these labels remain unanswered, i.e.—who originated the labels? When were they printed? What was their purpose? The last chapter of this story can be written if someone has the answers.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Most worshipful Harry S. Truman was initiated in Belton Lodge #450, in Belton, Missouri, on February 9, 1909. One month later on March 9th he received the third degree and became a Master Mason. In 1910 he served as Junior Warden. On December 20th, 1910 he demitted and assisted in the organization of Grandview Lodge #618. He was the Master of the new lodge under dispensation as well as the first Master after the lodge received its charter. In 1913 and 1914 he served as secretary. In 1917 he again served as Master but did not complete the year as he entered the army. From 1925 to 1930 he served his district as District Deputy Grand Master and District Lecturer.

In 1930 he became Grand Pursuivant, followed in 1931 as Grand Sword Bearer. He was Grand Junior Marshall in 1932 and Grand Senior Marshall the following year. In 1934 he served as Grand Junior Steward and finally in 1940-41 he was Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri.

His Masonic history also includes membership in the Scottish Rite bodies at Kansas City, Missouri, where he received the 32nd degree on March 31st 1917.

Truman's political career included being a United States Senator, and in 1944 he was elected Vice President of our country. In April of 1945 the world was saddened by the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman was sworn in as President of the United States of America.

In 1948 he surprised the world when the citizens elected him President, in spite of all the polls indicating that he would lose to his republican opponent Thomas E. Dewey.

After Truman left the White House, his friends collected funds to build the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence. The library holds

Truman's papers and souvenirs. It was opened in 1957 as part of the National Archives. In it hangs the picture that was shown on the State of Missouri postage stamp issued by the United States post office this year.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR GENERAL KNOX

Major General Henry Knox served as a volunteer at Bunker Hill in June 1775. He later became Chief of Artillery in the Continental Army and is known as "the father of American Artillery." Still later, he served as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Secretary of War.

While his Masonic record is not accurately known, there is frequent mention made of his visits to various lodges. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in its Library, has a copy of the records of St. John's Lodge, Boston, (Feb. 1784-Dec. 1806) which establishes that Knox visited lodge on November 26, 1800.

In cooperation with the Knox Memorial Association of Thomaston, Maine, National Sojourners, Inc., a patriotic organization of Master Masons who are or have been officers or warrant officers in the uniformed forces of the United States, is trying to round up support of military and Masonic stamp collectors urging the U.S. Postal Service that a commemorative stamp depicting Brother Knox would be most fitting during the Bicentennial Era.

Interested stamp collectors are asked to write to their Congressmen and to the Postmaster General urging that a commemorative stamp depicting Brother Knox be issued.

Inquiries concerning the Bro. (Maj. Gen.) Knox program may be addressed

to: Stewart M. L. Pollard, National Secretary. National Sojourners, Inc., 4600 Duke Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22304.

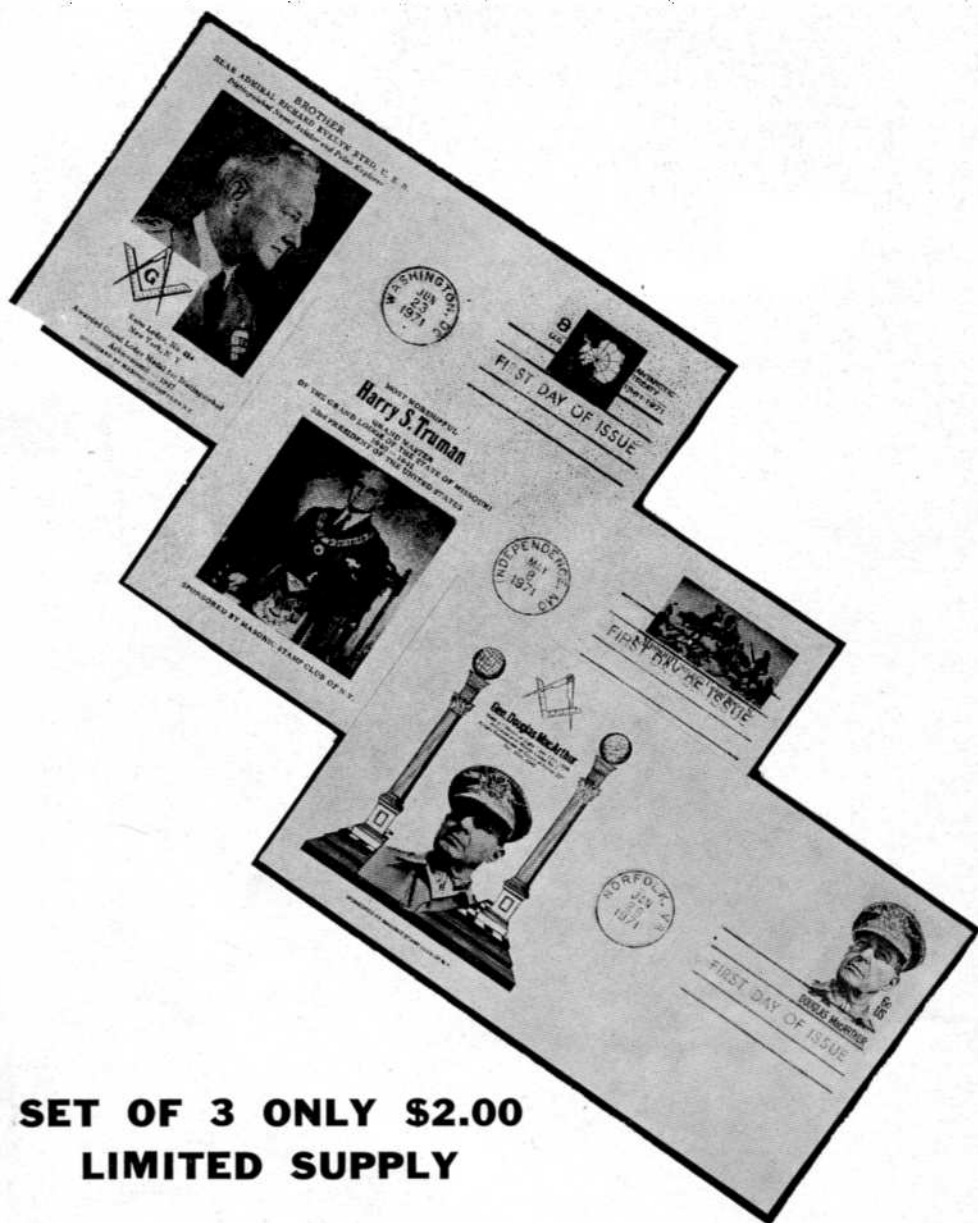
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The third in a series of check lists of Foreign Masons on stamps follows. This has been compiled by Marshall S. Loke, to whom we all owe a vote of thanks.

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