Season's Greetings
THE EDITOR SAYS

A recent letter received by the Masonic Stamp Club criticized the fact that the Masonic Philatelist referred to members only as brother and not as worshipful, right worshipful or most worshipful when this title was in order. The Masonic Stamp Club is not a lodge. It is a club made up of Masons which have a common interest, stamp collecting. Not being a lodge, the title of worshipful is no more appropriate than in your business, home or church. We try to keep all our members on an equal basis in our publication by referring to them as "brother" or by their first and last name.

Some articles written about famous Masons who have been honored on stamps may refer to these brothers by their title such as most worshipful Harry S. Truman. These celebrities in most cases are not members of our philatelic organizations.

I hope we have clarified this matter for this brother and any others who have wondered regarding this matter. We will gladly print answers to any questions sent to us regarding Masonic philately or our club.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The programs for the remaining meetings of the current year of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was announced by the program committee. They are as follows:
- December—Christmas on Stamps.
- January—Amphilex Night.
- February—Masonic and George Washington Night.
- March—Members competition.
- April—Past Presidents Night.
- May—Annual dinner.
- June—Annual meeting (election of officers—committee reports).

SOUND OF THE GAVEL

It was a pleasure to greet our members who attended our November meeting. Our topic for the evening was "Our Favorite Page." The brothers who attended displayed their pages and explained why it was their favorite. Our Secretary Charles Morris gave an interesting demonstration of the use of the ultra violet lamp. It was a most interesting meeting and it was enjoyed by those who attended.

Again I would like to stress the fact that this is your club and your publication. We want to try and have meetings and articles in the Masonic Philatelist to please you. This can only be accomplished if we hear from you. It is always a pleasure to receive your letters and get your ideas. I would ap-
precipitate you sending your thoughts to me, your correspondence can be sent to my attention at the Collectors Club.

At this time I would like to wish all our members the best for A Happy Holiday Season.

Emanuel Reggel

THE BARQUE "MASONIC"

It was in the McGilvray yard at Stockton (now Stockton Springs), Waldo County, Maine, that this barque launched on July 19, 1864, was constructed by Albion P. Goodhue, master builder, for Henry S. Staples of the firm of Staples & Trifflin. (The official slogan of Stockton Springs, by the way, is "The Little Town with Big Possibilities.") Later owners of the "Masonic" were Birch & Lord, Noah Emery and H. P. Blanchard. Her registration was changed to New York in 1930 and last appears on the list of American Merchant ships for 1935.

Henry W. Peabody of Boston was her agent on the voyage to Melbourne, Australia, advertised by the accompanying card. Even though a date is given on the card (not the date of sailing, however) we regret that we found it impossible to learn any further details about her career in addition to the bare information presented above.

It seems safe to assume that one or more of her original owners were members of the fraternity whose name was carried by this vessel but we found no records to prove it.

The "Steam Job Printer" on the bottom of this card aroused our interest and after several inquiries we learned from Mr. William E. Crosby, Secretary of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, who in addition to being a well-known printer in Boston is quite a historian as well, that when printers first put in steam-powered presses it was considered quite an advance in their art, so they generally added the words "Steam Job Printer" to their names to indicate their enterprise and progressiveness.

The foregoing article as well as photo were discovered by Bro. Emanuel Reggel in a publication issued by the State Street Trust Company of Boston, Mass. Brother Reggel believed that this barque carried mail. If so, it would be quite interesting to learn if any of our members have cancellations or know of them, or have other information regarding this ship. The article was previously printed in the November 1962 issue of the Masonic Philatelist and at that time none of the members had any information. Perhaps some of the new-er members have facts regarding this.

SHIPS WITH POSTAL FACILITIES

The following is a partial listing of ships in the U.S. Navy which have a post office on board, and have been named for a Mason or an event which Masons had a part to play in. The ships cancellation and cachet can be gotten by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the following:

A—Navy Mail Clerk
Ships Name & No.
PPO New York 06501

P—Navy Mail Clerk
Ships Name & No.
PPO San Francisco 06601

Austin LPD-4
Concord AFS-5
Farragut DLG-6
Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42
Fulton AS-11
Hamilton WHEC-715
Hancock CVA-19
Hermitage LSD-34
Independence CVA-62
John Paul Jones DDG-32
Lexington CVF-16
Paul Revere LPA-248
Richard E. Byrd DDG-23
Samuel Compern AD-37
Ticonderoga CVA-14
Wainwright DLG-28
White Plains AFS-4
AT CHRISTMAS

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft
misunderstood.

There are days the worst that's in
him is the master of the good.

But at Christmas kindness rules him
and he puts himself aside

And his petty hates are vanquished
and his heart is opened wide.

Oh, I don't know how to say it, but
somehow it seems to me

That at Christmas man is almost
what God sent him here to be.

—Edgar Guest

Edgar Guest was elevated to the 33rd
degree on September 20, 1921 at Boston,
Mass.

CLUB ANNOUNCES CONTEST

At a meeting of the board of direc-
tors of the Masonic Stamp Club, it was
decided to award prizes for the best
articles submitted to the Masonic
Philatelist. A committee of judges will
be selected at a later date and announ-
ced in the Masonic Philatelist.

The articles can be about your fav-
orite stamp, favorite album page, a
famous Mason on stamps, or anything
you feel would be appropriate.

This is an opportunity for you to
take an active part in your club. If
you feel you don't have a talent for this,
send us what you can and request us
to rewrite it.

MASONRY ON FOREIGN STAMPS

The following is the fifth in our
series of check lists of foreign Masons
on postage stamps of the world. This
list was compiled by Marshall S. Loke.
Following the name of the famous
Mason is the name of the nation that
issued the stamp and the Scott cata-
logue number.

GENERAL KNOX

By SPENSLEY S. DAYKIN

After reading the October 1971 is-
 sue of the Masonic Philatelist, I agreed
that Major General Henry Knox was
worthy of a place in U.S. postal history
as well as the place he now holds in
the history books of our nation.

I therefore sat down and wrote letters
to my congressman, William E. Min-
shall, and to the Postmaster General's
office. Congressman Minshall in turn
wrote to the United States postal ser-
vice.

The following letters were the replies
from the office of the executive assist-
ant to the Postmaster General and the
special assistant to the Postmaster
General.

Mr. Spensley S. Daykin
18501 Hilliard Rd., Apt. 205
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Dear Mr. Daykin:

Thank you for your letter con-
cerning the issuance of a stamp
commemorating General Henry
Knox.

This proposal is on the agenda for
consideration by the Citizens' Stamp
Advisory Committee as the 1975 stamp program is formulated
in 1974.

Your interest in this particular
stamp is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Gordon C. Morison
Division Manager
Philatelic Affairs Division

Dear Congressman Minshall:

Thank you for your letter of Nov-
ember 18 in behalf of Mr. Spensley
S. Daykin of Rocky River, Ohio,
concerning his desire that one of
the stamps being issued during the
Bicentennial period honor Major
General Henry Knox.

I am pleased to advise you that a
proposal to honor General Knox
and the 200th anniversary of the
Battle of Bunker Hill is on the
agenda for consideration by our
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Com-
mittee in 1974 when the 1975 pro-
gram is being formulated.

Please be assured that when the
proposal comes up it will be given
every consideration.

Sincerely,
Jerry L. Reynolds
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable William E. Minshall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Please note that Special Assistant
to The Postmaster General, Gordon C.
Morison, who signs himself Division
Manager, Philatelic Affairs Division,
in his letter of November 19, 1971 to
me, advises thus—quote—'This pro-
posal (General Knox) is on the agenda
for consideration by the Citizens' Stamp
Advisory Committee as the 1975 stamp
program is formulated in 1974.' end
quote.

This being the case, a memo should
be set up to have interested persons
alerted early in 1974 to again write both the Postmaster General and The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee in early 1974 urging the selection of General Knox as the subject of a stamp to be issued in 1975.

**KETCHAM'S KORNER**

"1971 U.S. Stamps In Review"

1971 was another banner year as far as the United States post office, United States postal service, and the stamp collectors of the world were concerned. Thirty-two stamps were issued with another one as a possible along with several postal cards and stamped envelopes. This total is nearly 30% more than 1970 and helped our nation make another gain on the Soviet Union who issues over 100 new issues a year. The new United States postal service is in business to make money by running our mail service at a profit. It is impossible to do this, even with an eight cent postage rate. Therefore one way to show a profit is to issue stamps that will be sold and never used. This year our government spaced them better than in 1970 by issuing 16 during the first six months and sixteen more through November.

The year started off with a commemorative to the wool industry who celebrated the 450th anniversary of the introduction of sheep to North America. This was issued on January 19th.

On January 26th, the long over due, Douglas A. MacArthur stamp was released. This was the first of several stamps issued that had a Masonic significance.

Seven other issues were released in May because of the increase in postal rates. They included an eleven cent, nine cent, and twenty-one cent airmail. The Eisenhower, and White House Flag stamp were re-issued in eight cent denominations. A sixteen cent stamp picturing Ernie Pyle was issued to use on letters weighing more than one ounce but less than two ounces. Completing these was the special delivery stamp re-issued at a sixty cent denomination.

The Wildlife Conservation series was increased by four on June 12th with the issuing of jumbo size stamps picturing an alligator, polar bear, trout and California Condor.

Another release that was considered Masonic was released on June 23rd. This commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty. It was related to Brother Richard E. Byrd the famous Antarctic explorer.

The emblem of the postal service was pictured on an eight cent stamp issued July 1st. This stamp was unique in that there was no first day city designated. It was released throughout the nation with each post office issuing first day covers. It was estimated that 16.3 million covers were sold which is our nation's stamps. In the meantime,

In my opinion, the first stamp in the annual American Revolution series was very inappropriate as it was only a design. Surely some revolutionary event or an activity leading to the war could have been pictured. However, a colorful design was selected as the bi-centennial symbol and formed the eight cent stamp issued on Independence Day.

On July 13th, a 17-cent airmail stamp was issued picturing the head of the Statue of Liberty.

A set of twin stamps were released on August 2nd commemorating our nation's space accomplishments. This pictured our Lunar Vehicle which was used by our astronauts to explore the moon's surface.

The 1971 American Painting stamp was issued on Aug. 2nd. This pictured "Wake Of The Ferry" painted by John Sloan.

An American Poet stamp honoring
Emily Dickinson was issued on August 28th. Only seven of her poems were published during her lifetime, and these were printed anonymously. It was not until after her death that her sister compiled her poems and they were published in a volume which appeared in 1890. Other poems by Miss Dickinson were later published in the 1900’s.

San Juan, Puerto Rico celebrated its 450th anniversary and it was only fitting that this city be honored. This commemorative stamp was released on September 12th.

Rather than sweep the fact that our nation has a drug problem under the carpet, the postal service issued a stamp for Drug Abuse on October 4th. In my opinion this was an unnecessary stamp as I can’t see how it will prevent anyone from becoming an addict. Our newspapers are continually reminding us of this problem and we don’t have to be reminded of it by our postman. The only purpose this stamp can accomplish is to be used as adverse propaganda by nations who are not too friendly to the United States and to belittle us in the face of our allies.

The Drug Abuse stamp was partly counteracted on Oct. 29th however, when a stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of CARE was released. This helped point out to the world that in addition to money, our citizens were sending CARE packages to the needy of the world since the end of World War II.

On November 10th, two Christmas stamps were released. One, religious, pictured, Giorgione’s “Adoration of Shepherds” and the other one, “A Partridge in a Pear Tree” by Jamie Wyeth. This completes the stamps issued in 1971 by our postal service. As usual, the government can not please everybody with their selection of topics. The aforementioned thoughts are mine and are not the feeling of the Masonic Stamp Club. I am sure that some of the brothers who read this may have other ideas and maybe be able to relate some of the other stamps to Masonic ideas.

We all look forward to 1972 to see what will be selected to be pictured on our nations stamps. In the meantime, Season’s Greetings, and A Happy New Year to all.

FOREIGN MASONSON POSTAGE STAMPS
(Continued)

LUNA, Antonio
Philippines 598
MABINTI, Apolinario
Philippines 591, 855, 906-08, N34
MACDONALD, John Alexander
Canada 141, 147, 448
MACK, Antonio
Cuba 238, 272, 375, 369, 423, 424
MACHADO, Gerardo
Cuba 285
MACQUARIE, Lachlan
Australia; Macquarie Lighthouse 456, 460
MADERO, Francisco I
Mexico 504, 614, 866, C76.
MAGHERU, Ghorghie
Romania 6410
MARCOS, Francisco
Ecuador 615-17
MARTI, Jose
Cuba 264, 418, 419, 500-09, 519, C79
C80, C83, C84; Colombia 634, C268;
Dominican Rep. 467; Salvador C143
MARTINEZ, Maximiliano Hernandez
Guatemala C97

A jumbo set of four stamps were issued on Oct. 29th picturing four historic sites. One was the “Charles W. Morgan” a whaling ship, which with other such vessels played such an important part in our early history. The famous San Francisco Cable Car was shown on another one of these stamps. San Xavier Del Bac Mission was pictured on the third stamp. The fourth stamp pictured the Decatur House, built in 1818 by Brother Stephen Decatur, naval hero of the War of 1812 and a member of St. John’s lodge. Therefore, this stamp is entitled to a place in the Masonic stamp album.
MASO, Bartolome
Cuba 239, 619
MATHEU, Domingo
Argentina 168, 716
MEJÍA, Jose
Ecuador 140, 148, 181
MIRANDA, Francisco de
Venezuela 250, 434-37, 767-69
MITRE, Bartolome
Argentina 67, 81, 284, 432-33, 709
MONGE, Gaspar
France B279
MONTEAGUDO, Bernardo
Bolivia 50, 85
MONTESQUIEU, Charles Louis de Secondat—France B388; Romania 1075; Bulgaria 917
MONTGOMERY, Joseph Michel
Liechtenstein C25; Niger
MONTGOMERY, Jacques Etienne
Niger
MONTUFAR, Juan Pio de (Marques de Selva Alegre)—Ecuador 185
MONTUFAR, Lorenzo
Guatemala 218, 236
MORAZAN, Francisco
Honduras 30-36, 164-93, C127, C349, RA2; Costa Rica 228, C83; Cuba 353; Salvador 404, 479, 646-48, 649-51
MORENO, Mariano
Argentina 23, 66, 80, 172, 424, 427, 726, C75
MOZART, Wolfgang Amadeus
Austria 609, B51; Belgium B587; Congo B36; Bulgaria 952; Czechoslovakia 750; Bohemia & Moravia B7-8; France 362; Germany B200, 739, 10N278-79; Ger. Dem. Rep. 278, 279; Romania 1130; Russia 1879; Sharjah ...
; Yemen Arab Rep. ...
MUCHA, Allons Maria
Czechoslovakia 1019
MUNOZ, Victor
Cu a 557
MURAVIEFF-APOSTEL, Sergei Ivanovic — Russia 1536
NAPOLEON I
Ajman ...; Andorra 159; Central African Rep. ...; Chad ...; Congo ...; Dahomey ...; Dubai ...; France 730, ...
B203; Gabon ...; Liberia 525-30; Mali ...; Malta ...; Mauritania ...; Monaco ...; New Caledonia ...; Niger ...; Paraguay ...; Ras Al Khaima ...; Reunion ...
; Rwanda ...; St. Helena ...; Togo ...
; Upper Volta ...
; Yemen Arab Rep.
NAPOLEON III
France 10, 29, 49
NEDBAL, Oskar
Czechoslovakia 1000
NEGRIUZZI, Costache
Romania 1313
NELSON, Horatio
Antigua 73, 127, 246; Barbados 102, 219, 224, 238
NEUJEAN, Xavier Marie
Belgium B686
NEUMANE, Antonio
Ecuador 734-37
NEY, Michel
Saar 170, 186
NICHOLAS, Prince
Romania B29
O’CONNELL, Daniel
Ireland 80-82
OHIGGINS, Bernardo
Chile 90, 94, 101, 116, 182, 240, 242, 252, 265, ...
; C1-5; Brazil 191; Colombia C277
OLMEDO, Jose Joaquin
Ecuador 63, 65, 67, 69, 143, 151, 223, 313
ORELLANA, Jose Maria
Guatemala 238
OSCAR I
Norway 2, 3, 4, 5
OSCAR II
Norway 32-34; Sweden 45, 56, 65
PAEZ, Jose Antonio
Venezuela 365
PAIMA, Tomas Estrada
Cuba 270, 284, 475, 476, 524, 621, 637;
Honduras 331
PARDU DE Tavera
Trinidad H ...; Philippines B1
PARE, Jules Francois
Niger
PASCOLI, Giovanni
Italy 704
PASHA, Ishmail
Egypt 177-88, 253, B4
PASO, Juan Jose
Argentina 172, 714
PASTUR, Paul
Belgium B601, B ...
PAUL I
Russia 98
PAZ ESTENSSORO, Victor
Bolivia 378-83, C169, C171-73, C175, C176, C180, C227, C229; Chile C159; Mexico 940; Panama C159
PEDRO I, Dom
Brazil 261, 992
PEIXOTO, Florian
Brazil 180, 325
PELLEGRINI, Carlos
Argentina 478
PENA, Nicholas Rodriguez
Argentina 161, 162
PERROT, William B.
Bermuda 138-37, 144, 150, 151, 154, 180
PESTEL, Pavel Ivanovic
Russia 1536
PETER I, the Great
Russia 88, 91, 112, 114, 139, B3; Batum 50
PIPER, Willem
Nederland B265
(To be continued)
1971 MASONIC CACHETS

SET OF 3 ONLY $2.00
LIMITED SUPPLY

There are still some of the Truman, MacArthur and Byrd covers left. They can be obtained from the club by sending two dollars to the club treasurer Edwin Mayer, at 225 West 34th Street (Penthouse), New York, N.Y. 10001.

These cachets are sponsored by the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.