

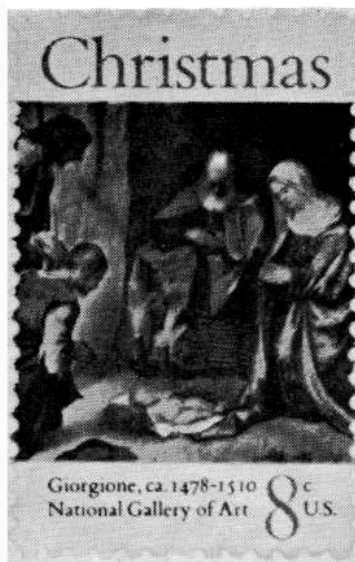


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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Every Month
(Except July and August)

COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING
22 East 35th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

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-

preciate 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 McGilvary 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 & Triffin. (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 1880 and last appears on the list of American Merchant ships for 1885.

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 newer 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.
FPO New York 09501

P—Navy Mail Clerk
Ships Name & No.
FPO San Francisco 96601

Austin LPD-4	A
Concord AFS-5	P
Farragut DLG-6	A
Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42	A
Fulton AS-11	A
Hamilton WHEC-715	Boston 02109
Hancock CVA-19	P
Hermitage LSD-34	A
Independence CVA-62	A
John Paul Jones DDG-32	A
Lexington CVT-16	A
Paul Revere LPA-248	P
Richard E. Byrd DDG-23	A
Samuel Gompers AD-37	P
Ticonderoga CVA-14	P
Wainwright DLG-28	A
White Plains AFS-4	A

FOR MELBOURNE.
From Commercial Wharf.
The A. 1 Little Sailship Barque
MASONIC
ONLY 520 TONS REGISTER.
L. 147. HER. ...
Will be promptly despatched as above, having a large portion of her cargo ready to go on board.
Sailing day will shortly be advertised.
And strictly conforming to, as usual.
For Freight or Cabin Passage, apply to
HENRY W. PEABODY,
Agents, Dec. 12, 1967. 11 LIBERTY SQUARE.
Messrs. NEWELL & CO., Commission Merchants, Consignees at Melbourne.

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 directors 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 announced in the Masonic Philatelist.

The articles can be about your favorite 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 catalogue number.

GENERAL KNOX By SPENSLEY S. DAYKIN

After reading the October 1971 issue 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. Minshall, and to the Postmaster General's office. Congressman Minshall in turn wrote to the United States postal service.

The following letters were the replies from the office of the executive assistant 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 concerning 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 November 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 Committee in 1974 when the 1975 program 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 proposal (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.

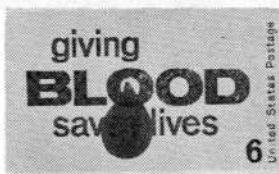
KETCHAM'S KORNER

"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 apostage 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.

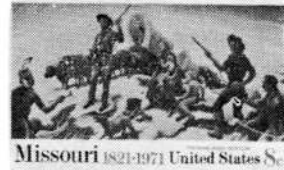
The year started off with a commemorative to the wool industry who celebrated the 450th anniversary of the introduction of sheep to North America. This was issued on January 19th.

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.



The blood donors commemorative was issued on March 12th. While not a real Masonic issue, it could be placed on a page stressing the Masonic charities. For several years the grand lodge of the state of New York, and other grand lodges have conducted blood banks in conjunction with the Red Cross.

A stamp was issued on May 8th commemorating the 150th anniversary of Missouri statehood. This stamp was designated as a Masonic issue as the painting shown was reproduced from a painting that is displayed in the Truman Library.



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 nations 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. 27th 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.

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.



On November 10th, two Christmas stamps were released. One, religious, pictured, Giorgione's "Adoration of Shepherds" and the other one, "A Part-ridge 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 may be able to relate some of the other stamps to Masons or 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.

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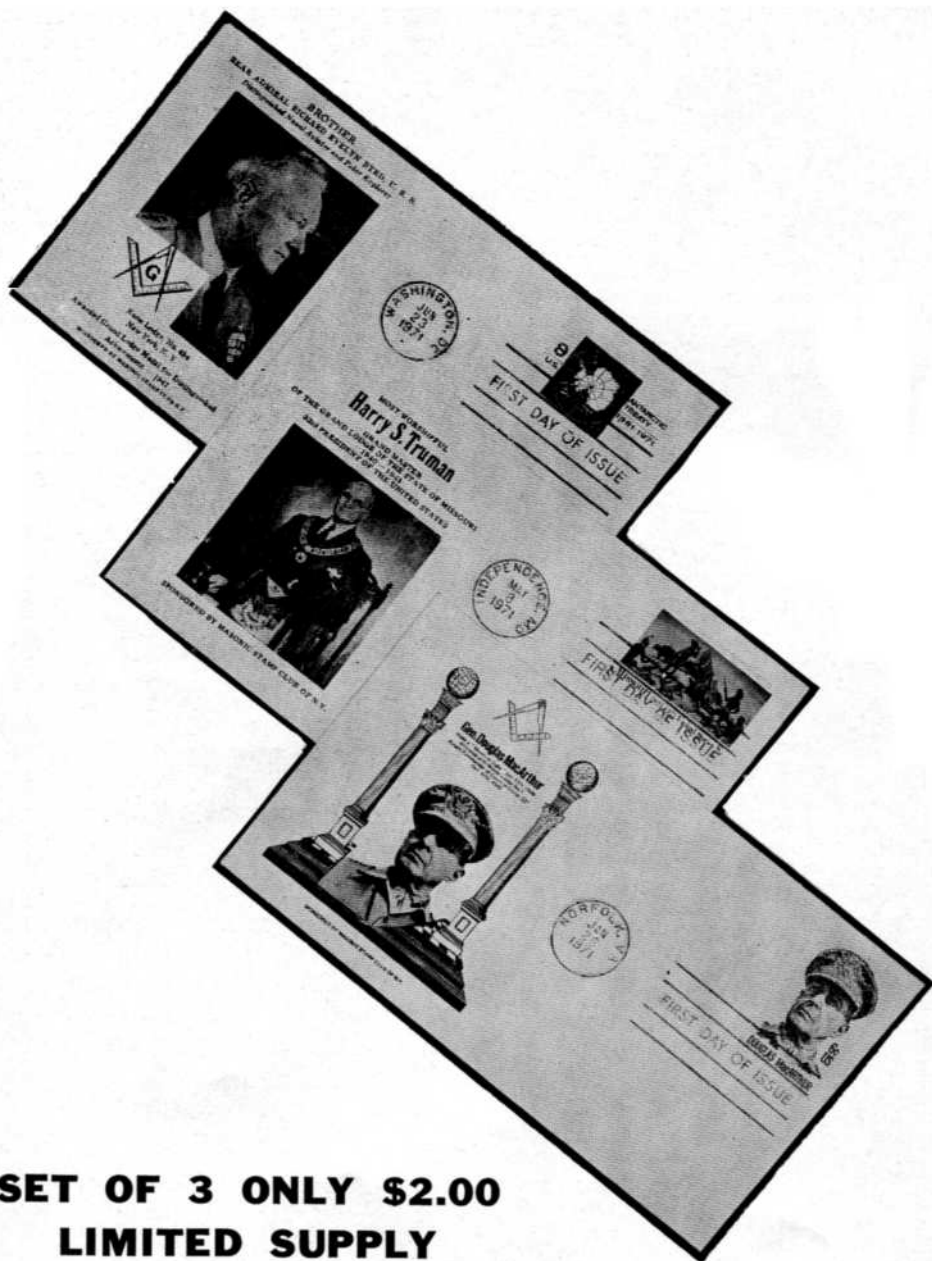
- LUNA, Antonio
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- MABINI, Apolinario
Philippines 591, 855, 906-08, N34
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C80, C83, C84; Colombia 634, C268;
Dominican Rep. 457; Salvador C143
- MARTINEZ, Maximiliano Hernandez
Guatemala C97



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,

- MASO, Bartolome
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- MOZART, Wolfgang Amadeus
Austria 609, B51; Belgium B587;
Congo B38; Bulgaria 952; Czechoslo-
vakia 750; Bohemia & Moravia B7-8;
France 862; Germany B200, 739,
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- MUCHA, Alfons Maria
Czechoslovakia 1019
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Cuba 557
- MURAVIEFF-APOSTEL, Sergei Ivan-
ovic — Russia 1536
- NAPOLÉON I
Ajman ---; Andorra 159; Central Af-
rican Rep. ---; Chad ---; Congo ---; Da-
homey ---; Dubai ---; France 730, ---,
B263; Gabon ---; Liberia 525-30; Mali
---; Malta ---; Mauritania ---; Monaco
---; New Caledonia ---; Niger ---; Para-
guay ---; Ras Al Khaima ---; Reunion
---; Rwanda ---; St. Helena ---; Togo
---; Upper Volta ---; Yemen Arab Rep.
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1971 MASONIC CACHETS



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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.