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FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

Peyton Randolph

On July 4, 1974, the USPS will issue a Bi-Centennial commemorative stamp honoring the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, Pa. 1774. This issue comprises of four stamps, in block of four format, as per illustration.

This foursome has a Masonic significance in that the First President of the Continental Congress was a Mason.

Peyton Randolph not only was the first President of the Continental Congress he was also the last Provincial Grand Master of Virginia. b. in Williamsburg, Va. in 1721 the son of Sir John Randolph. A graduate of William and Mary College and student of law at the Inner Temple, London, he was appointed King's attorney for Va. in 1748. He served in the Va. house of burgesses from 1748-49 and 1752-75. When trouble with England threatened, he was a member of the committee of correspondence, 1759-67, and chairman of the committee in 1773. He was a close friend of Washington, and married the sister of Benjamin Harrison, governor of Va. His original Masonic affiliation is unknown. He was named as master of the lodge at Williamsburg, Va. (No. 6) in a warrant from Lord Petrie, grand master of the Grand Lodge of England, dated November 6, 1773. He was present at this lodge on July 5, 1774 as provincial grand master. d. Oct. 22, 1775, while attending the Constitutional Convention.

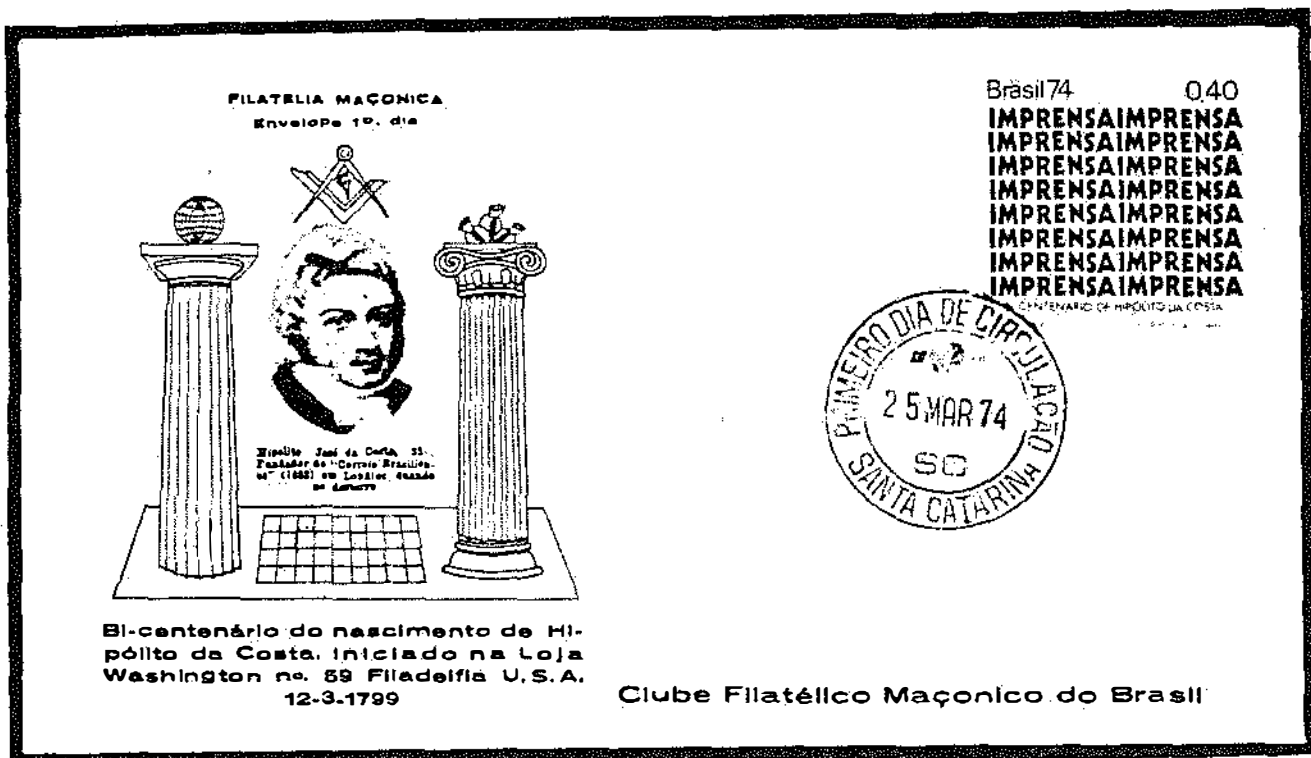
FRANCOIS JOSEPH PAU. COUNT AUGUSTE DE GRASSE.

In regard to Admiral de Grasse (see MSC page 322), he was not a Mason, but his son, Count Alexandre Francois de Grasse-Tilly, was a famous Mason. When the French stamp came out on September 9, 1972, John M. Cunningham sent Linn's a Masonic FDC, a picture of which appeared in the March 26, 1973 issue and the caption underneath said the admiral was a member of the Masonic Order. In order to set the record straight Bro. Cunningham wrote and stated that Francois de Grasse, as shown on the stamp that was issue by France, was not a Mason, however, his son was a leading Mson in America and one of the founders of Scottish Rite Masonry (modern).

SAN FRANCISCO CABLE CAR.

The San Francisco cable car (Scott No. 1442) of the Historic Preservation series has a Masonic significance. When millionaire railroad builder, Leland Standord (see Masonic Stamp Collector, page 229), erected a mansion up on Nob Hill in San Francisco in the 1870's, the ascent was too abrupt for convenient scaling by horse and carriage. Always fascinated by mechanical gadgets, he built the "California Street" Cable Railway and soon trourists and natives were looking on in amazement as toy-like cars with no horses attached glided up the three steepest blocks from Kearny to Powell Street to the measured click of the underground cable. The problem of negotiating San Francisco's hills had been conquered. Eve tually cable lines wer: crossing Nob Hill north and south and east and west.

-Marshall S. Loke



HIPOLITO DA COSTA

Bro. Salum Jorge Nacif of Laguna, Brazil forwarded the above cover together with write-up on a recent stamp issued by Brazil to honor the Press and the 200th anniversary of Hipolito Da Costa. This write-up appeared in the official Brazilian Post Office bulletin.

The first Brazilian newspaper was born in London. It seems strange, doesn't it? But there are no borders, no distances which can be an obstacle for the arising of good sense and the reason.

The "Correio Braziliense" which appeared on June 1st, 1808, in the far away England, preached the reason, the justice and struggled for the independence of Brazil. For this reason and despite the cold grey fog in London, that newspaper was authentically Brazilian not only for its hane, but mainly for its conscientiously national content and truly participant in the desitnies of the country. It was, in fact, the first Brazilian newspaper in the History. Therefore, "Correio Braziliense" began to open the ways which would be followed years later by the Brazilian Press, with the purpose of, in a common effort, build up a richer, developed and better Brazil.

It was Hipolito Jose da Costa Pereira Furtado de Mendonca who issued the newspaper. He was the son of a second lieutenant. Graduated in Law and Philosophy, director of the Literary Service of the Royal Press, arrested by the Holy Office of the Inauisitor condemned to be burned alive in Portugal and fugitive of that injust justice.

He is the author of the following works: "Narrative of Persecution" - an important document of the inquisition methods, "History of Portugal", "Portuguese and English Grammar" and an unfinished "History of Brazil".

"Correio Braziliense" was over in December 1822. Its purposes were already reached as long as Brazil was independent from Portugal.

Almost a year later, on September 11th, 1823, Hipolito da Costa was dead. He was a Brazilian, born in Sacramento, who was buried in London, far away from the country which he had so much fought for.

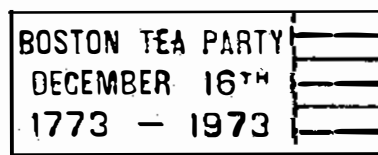
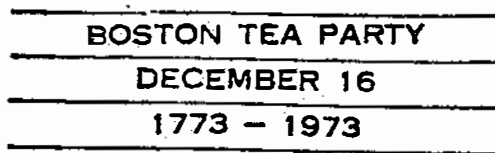
Two hundred years after his birth his grave is symbolically respected and his works are very well considered, representing the everlastingness of his genuine patriotism, his intellectual honesty and his courage to fight for a really just cause.

Ed. note: you will note from the above Masonic cover which was issued by Clube Filatelico Masonic de Brazil that Hipolito Da Cost was a Mason. He was initiated in Washington Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia, Pa. on March 12, 1799. It would be very interesting to know more about his Masonic history and the circumstances of him becoming a Mason in the United States. If any member has or can get more data please let us have it for publication.

We are very thankful to Bro. Nacif for bringing it to our attention. Incidentally, Bro. Nacif has furnished the editor with a long list of Brazilian Masons appearing on Brazilian stamps. After the proper Scott numbers have been applied against each stamp same will be published in the Masonic Stamp Collector for the edification of all the members.

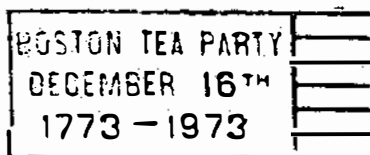
BOSTON TEA PARTY CANCELS

Two different styles of postmark were used for the Boston Tea Party slogan cancellation in Boston on December 16, 1973. The hand-cancel illustrated was available at the philatelic window in the main post office, as well as at the first day ceremonies for the Samuel Adams postal card. The machine slogan was installed in the slower, high-quality "first day" machine for use on large quantities of covers. This same slogan die was also used in the Mark II "face canceller" machines in the post office for use on general mail during the month of December. This information and illustrations were obtained from the bulletin of the Americana Philatelic News.

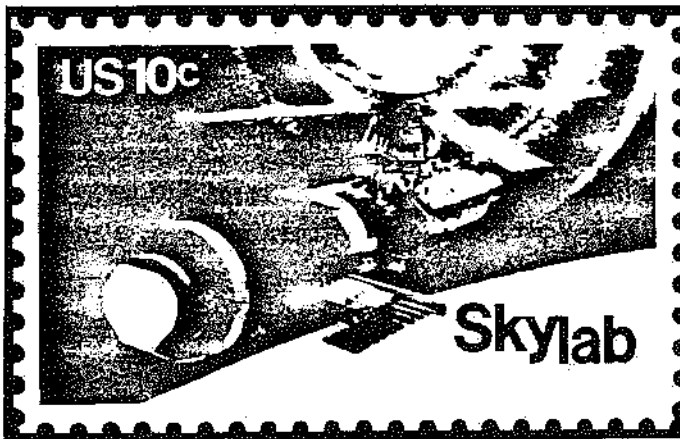


Hand cancel

"first day machine" cancel



Mark II "face canceller"



SKYLAB - PAUL WEITZ

The last cover issued by the Masonic Cover Club is No. 38 which commemorates Skylab, the orbiting space laboratory.

This cover honors Brother Paul Weitz, pilot of Skylab I.

You will note the statement is made above that Weitz was pilot of Skylab "I". There seems to be some controversy whether Weitz and his group of astronauts were in Skylab I or II. The

Masonic cover also states Skylab I. Perhaps, I am wrong in so stating but looking over some of the literature in front of me here how it goes:

SKYLAB I 28 DAYS

Charles Conrad
Joseph Kerwin
Paul Weitz

SKYLAB II 59 DAYS

Alan Bean
Owen Garriott
Jack Lousma

SKYLAB III 84 DAYS

Gerald Carr
Edward Gibson
William Pogue

Bro. John M. Cunningham went one step further by writing Bro. Paul Weitz in order to clarify the system of numbering the Skylabs. We quote below Bro. Weitz's letter in its entirety for your information and guidance:

"Regarding the Skylab numbering system - some time ago, the unfortunate decision was made to distinguish between the Skylab vehicles and the missions.

"The flights would be referred to as Skylab - arabic numeral:

- SL 1 - workshop
- SL 2 - first crew
- SL 3 - second crew
- SL 4 - third crew

"The missions would be referred to as Skylab mission - Roman numerals:

- SLM I - first manned mission (SL 1 & SL 2)
- SLM II - second manned mission (SL 1 & SL 3)
- SLM III - third manned mission (SL 1 & SL 4)

"It was soon recognized (after the fact) that this system is confusing, so the flight numbers are usually used. To minimize confusion, I usually refer to myself as a member of the 'first Skylab crew', and let people call it either SL-2 or SLM-I, as they choose.

"I hope this aids you in your understanding of the system!"

Fraternally,

(signed) Paul Weitz"

I now quote Bro. Cunningham's comments: "... It verifies my contention that he (Weitz) was a member of Skylab II, that in reality the stamp issued honors Skylab II crew and not necessarily Skylab I. It was issued on the 1st anniversary of the launching of Skylab."

However, I think that if we interprid Paul Weitz's comments and use the Roman numeral he was indeed pilot of Skylab I and not Skylab (Arabic numeral) I. To quote Weitz "let people call it either SL-2 or SLM-I." There you have it. If you are still confused, don't feel too bad. You are not alone.

This stamp was issued May 14, 1974 in Houston, Texas. The design by Robert T. McCall of Paradise Valley, Arizona, depicts the dramatic two-man space walk of June 7, 1973; outside the Skylab station which successfully freed and deployed the solar array wing. Duration of the mission was 28 days and 49 minutes. Skylab objectives as stated by President Nixon: "The skylab ... will be aimed not at advancing the exploration of deep space, but at gaining in space new knowledge for the improvement of life here on earth. It will help develop new methods of learning about earth's envirenment and the earth's resources, and new methods of evaluating programs aimed at preservation and enhancing the resources of all the world. It will seek new knowledge about our star, the sun, and about its tremendous influence on our environment." The total cost of skylab program was \$2.6 billion.

Paul Weitz is a member of Laurence Lodge No. 708, of Erie, Pennsylvania. He was initiated December 21, 1953, passed December 22, 1954 and raised May 31, 1955.

EDWARD KENNEDY (DUKE) ELLINGTON

Due Ellington died of cancer early on May 24, 1974 at the age of 75. Born Edward Kennedy Ellington on April 29, 1899 in Washington, D.C. 'The Duke' had been a professional musician for 58 years and a Prince Hall Mason for 42 years. He was raised on May 5, 1932 in Social Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C. under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A M of the District of Columbia.

Togo was the first country to issue Duke Ellington stamps in 1967, Scott Nos. 601, 603, followed by Chad in 1971, Scott No. 390. We would not be surprised to see more Duke Ellington stamps before long.

-Marshall S. Loke

NEW ISSUES WITH MASONIC CONNECTION

Australian Antarctic Territory - Scott L33, August 15, 1973. Depicts Byrd's Ford Tri-Motor dropping U.S. flag over North Pole.

BRAZIL - March 25, 1974. The Press - 200th Anniversary of Hipolito Da Costa. Mason.

Jersey - English Channel island of Jersey issued on July 31, 1974 four stamps each features a famous person, one of which depicts Sir Winston Churchill on the 20p denomination. This year marks the 100th birth anniversary of Churchill. We will see many more Churchill stamps this year. Great Britain will issue one later on in the year.

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JEAN MARIE ANTOINE DE LANEISSAN

Lanessan was a French naturalist, doctor, colonial administrator and statesman who was born July 13, 1843. He studied natural sciences and medicine at the University of Bordeaux and received his M.D. degree in 1867. He practiced medicine in Paris, then joined the colonial services as surgeon in Africa and China. He turned to journalism, wrote a manual of medical history and founded a newspaper "Reveil". As a member of Parliament in 1881, he influenced French colonial development by his writings. He was governor-general of Indo China 1891-1894 and Minister of Naval Affairs 1899-1902. He died November 7, 1919 in Ecoeu, France.

Jean Marie Antoine de Lanessan was a member of the Lodge "Les droits de l'homme" in Paris, served as its Worshipful Master and was a member of the Grand Orient of France.

Stamps: Indo China No. 251-2, issued in 1944

-Marshall S. Loke

MANUEL MURILLO TORO

This Colombian statesman was born in Chaparral, Tolina, Colombia, January 1, 1816 and died in Bogota December 26, 1880 a senator of the republic. He was a lawyer, and in 1840 was governor of Mariquita Province, Tolina; in 1849 was Minister of Foreign Relations and in 1857 was first sovereign president in the state of Santander. He was twice president of the United States of Colombia, 1864 to 1866 and 1872 to 1874. While President of Colombia, he established telegraph service in the country November 1, 1865.

Manuel Murillo Toro was initiated in the Lodge "Estrella del Tequendama No. 11" in Bogota, Colombia, February 14, 1850, and served as Junior Warden in 1852. On St. John's Day, June 24, 1858, the Lodge "Filantropia Bogotana No. 16" (now No. 5) nominated Bro. Murillo Toro and several other distinguished brethren Honorary Members in recognition of their Masonic merits. A Lodge, "Murillo Toro No. 3", in Bogota, Colombia, has been named for him.

Stamps: Colombia No. 510, 514, 618 and C469.

-Marshall S. Loke

F. G. KLOPSTOCK

The Federal Republic of West Germany issued a 40 pf. stamp May 15, 1974 for the 250th birth anniversary of the German poet Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock. It shows him in silhouette.

Klopstock was born July 2, 1724 at Quedlinburg. He studied theology at Jena, then went to the University of Leipzig. For a while he was tutor to a private family, then accepted an invitation from Frederik V to settle in Copenhagen with a pension of 400 thalers. He left the Danish capital in 1771 and went to Hamburg where he drafted prose for "The Messiah". After about a year at the court of the Margrave of Baden, he returned to Hamburg with the title of Hofrath and a pension which he retained along with the pension from the King of Denmark. He remained in Hamburg the rest of his life and died March 14, 1803.

Klopstock was a member of the Lodge "Zu den drei Rosen" (now No. 61) in Hamburg. Lessing was also initiated in this lodge.

-Marshall S. Loke

BRAZILIAN MASONS

The following is a partial list of Brazilian Masons. This checklist was furnished by Bro. Salum Jorge Nacif of Laguna, Brazil.

Jose Bonifacio de Andrade E Silva, 1763-1838

Scientist. Initiated May 20, 1822 in the Grande Oriente de Brasil. First Grand Master of Grand Orient do Brasil in August 2, 1821/1822 and November 23, 1831/1838. On August 2, 1822 he recommended the initiation of Don Pedro I.
Stamps: Brazil 959.

Rui Barbosa De Oliveira, 1849-1923

Diplomat and Jurist. Initiated July 1, 1869 in Lodge America "State of S. Paulo, 33rd.
Stamps: Brazil 692

Manoel Ferraz De Camps Salles (Doctor), 1841-1913

President of the Republic of Brasil. Initiated in 1863 in Lodge Independencia Campinas (city) State of S. Paule. 18th degree in 1868.
Stamps: Brazil 1064

Luiz Alves De Lima E Silva, 1803-1880, Duke of Caxias

Army Marshal. Initiated in Lodge of Supreme Council S. Pedro de Alcantara either December, 1841. March 20, 1847 elected as Sob. Gr. Commander M.P. Supr Council do Kit. Esc. Ant. Acc. do Gr Oriente do Brasil. July 26, 1847 assisted session of possession lights Lodge Uniao Escossessa. August 2, 1850 signed constitution of Lodge Perfeita Amizade. October 3, 1950 signed constitution of Lodge Piratinga. Honorary Grand Master of Brazil. 33rd degree.
Stamps: Brazil 750-754.

Manoel Deodoro Da Fonseca, 1827-1879

Marshal. Initiated in Lodge Rocha Negra S. Gabriel (city) R.G. Sul (Brasil) In 1872 under No. 169 member of Lodge Uniao Humanidade Pelotas (city). December 19 1889 Grandmaster Grand Orient Brasil. January 7, 1890 elevated to 31st degree and March 24, 1890 elevated to 33rd degree. Stamps: Brazil 178

Diogo Antonio Feijo(Father), 1784-1843

Second Vigilant Lodge Amizade in Sao Paulo in 1833. 33rd degree. Founder of Lodge Amizade in 1835.
Stamps: Brazil 730.

Jose Maria Da Silva Paranhos, 1819-1880

Viscount of Rio Branco. Member of Lodge Estrele do Norte. Grand Master of Grant Orient do Brasil in 1871. 33rd degree.
Stamps: Brazil 1115

Joao Caetano Dos Santos, 1808-1863

Actor. In July 1895 under No. 468 Lodge Joao Caetano central power as homage to brother Joao Caetano the most famous artist of Brazil.
Stamps: Brazil 962.

Lauro Sodre'e Silva, 1858-1944.

Doctor General. Initiated in Lodge Harmonia e Fraternidade in August 1, 1888, Belem (city) Para. In May 20, 1904 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Orient Brasil. On May 18, 1907 he was re-elected Grand Master of the Grand Orient do Brazil.
Stamps: Brazil, 885

Quintino De Bocaiuva, 1836-1812.

Journalist. Initiated in Lodge America in 1861. Member of Lodge Comercio in 1864. Member of Lodge Segredo in 1864.
Stamps: Brazil, 948

Bento Goncalves Da Silva, 1788-1847.

General. Date of initiation unknown, however, on July 28, 1837 a letter was read in Lodge Virtude of Orient Bahia (Brasil) signed by Bro. Bento Gongaves degree 18th, prisoner in Forte de Mar, asking for help. The same kind letter was read on June 30, 1837 in Lodge Beneficencia founder of the Lodge was Bro. Commander of the Fort where Bro. Bento was prisoner and was put in Liberty.
Stamps: Brazil, 409

Hermes Rodrigues Da Fonseca, 1855-1923.

Initiated in Lodge Rocha Negra Sao Gabriel (city) R.G. Sul (Brasil) 1886. In 1910 he received from Grand Master Lauro Sodre the title of well-deserving of Lodge Capitular Amor e Trabalho.
Stamps: Brazil, 824

Joaquim Jose Rodrigues Torres, 1802-1872.

Viscount de Itaborai. Mathematics. In 1831, when Grand Orient Brasil was founded, he acted as Grand Orator.
Stamps: Brazil, 743.

Prudente Jose De Moraes Barros, 1841-1902.

Advocate. Initiated in Lodge Piracicaba in Piracicaba (city) state of Sao Paulo. President of the Republic of Brasil in 1894.
Stamp: Brazil, 181, 534

Dr. Nilo Pecanha, 1867-1924.

Advocate. Elected Grand Master of Grand Orient Brasil with 4184 votes in June 1, 1917. On May 20, 1919 he was reelected as Grandmaster
Stamp: Brazil, 1059

D. Pedro I, 1798-1834.

Initiated in Lodge Comercio e Artes in June 13, 1822. Master Mason June 16, 1822. Grand Master in 1822. First Emperor of Brazil. Symbolic name: Guatimozin.
Stamps: Brazil, 992

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