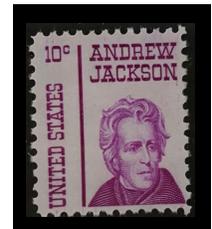
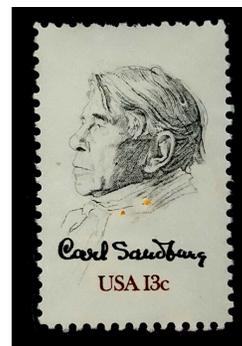
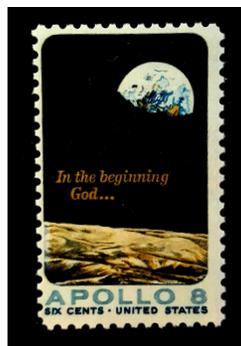


50 year Mason



Commemorating 1967





Bro. George Washington (1731 -1799) was loved by the American people. Bro. Washington was initiated on November 4, 1752 in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia and elected Master of his lodge on December 20, 1788.



Bro. David "Davy" Crockett (1786 - 1836) became an army scout in 1813 and fought in the Creek Indian War until 1815. Crockett entered politics and served in various local offices including justice of the peace, town commissioner, colonel of the local militia, the Tennessee legislature, and then in 1827 he won a seat in the U.S. Congress in 1827. He fought and died at the battle of the Alamo. While serving in the United States House of Representatives, Crockett became a Freemason. He entrusted his masonic apron to the Weakly Lodge in Tennessee before leaving for Texas, and it still survives today.



Bro. Franklin Roosevelt (1882 - 1945) was regarded as a brilliant politician and a world leader who taught our nation to be "citizens of the world" and "members of a human community." Bro. Roosevelt was initiated on October 11, 1911 in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City. In 1921 he was stricken with polio and lost the use of his legs, a handicap which at the time would have disqualified him from receiving the degrees of Masonry had he not already received them. He served as Governor of New York from 1929 to 1933 and as President of the United States from 1933 to his death. He was made Honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay on April 13, 1934.



In 1967 two 5-cent se-tenant stamps were issued that comprise one illustration of an astronaut during a spacewalk, commemorating the space accomplishments of the United States. On June 3, 1965, Edward H. White II became the first American to "walk" in space. White remained tethered outside the spacecraft for 22 minutes and traveled fifteen feet out into space.



Bro. Andrew Jackson's (1767 - 1845) military success earned him widespread popularity as a candidate for the U.S. presidency. In the 1824 Presidential election, Jackson won the popular vote but lost the election in the House of Representatives, which voted by states. Four years later, in 1828, Jackson won a landslide victory, and a second term in the 1832 election. Bro. Jackson was a member of St. Tammany (later Harmony) Lodge No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee and became Grand Master of Tennessee on October 7, 1822.



Apollo 8 was launched on December 21, 1968. The goal of the Apollo missions was to put astronauts in orbit around the moon, and advance toward the eventual goal of landing on the moon. Although this stamp was issued in 1969, the message upon it from Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God..." is given to each Mason in his Entered Apprentice Mason's degree as he is brought from darkness (ignorance) to true Masonic light (truth).



Famous American poet Carl Sandburg died in 1967 at the age of 89. He was referred to as "The Poet of the People," Sandburg was also a biographer, historian, and collector of American folk songs. Sandburg won Pulitzer Prizes in 1918, 1940, and 1950. Although he was not a Mason, this stamp is included with the collection given that he died in 1967.



The subject on the 1 ¼¢ denominated stamp from 1967 is Albert Gallatin. Gallatin (1761-1849) was born in Geneva, Switzerland. At the age of 19, Gallatin immigrated to the United States. Under the terms of the Articles of Confederation, he became a citizen after nine years of residency. In 1790, he was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature and then in 1793 he was elected to the U.S. Senate. However, he was forced from office when opponents claimed he had not been a citizen long enough. One year later he ran for and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He held that office until 1801, when President Thomas Jefferson appointed him Secretary of the Treasury where he played a key role in the financial details of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.



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