

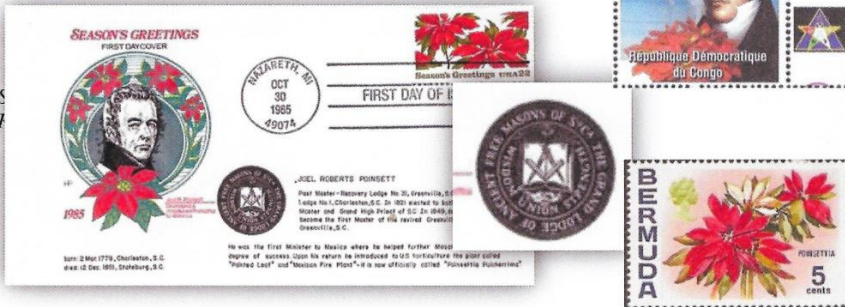
Masonic Philatelic Club



Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779–1851) was an American physician and diplomat. He was the first U.S. agent in South America, a member of the South Carolina legislature and the United States House of Representatives, the first United States Minister to Mexico. A U.S. Secretary of War under Martin Van Buren, and a co-founder of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts (a predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution), He simultaneously served as a special envoy to Mexico from 1822 to 1823, when the government of James Monroe became concerned about the stability of newly independent Mexico. The

U.S. recognized Mexican independence but it was not until 1825 and the establishment of the Mexican Republic that it sent a minister plenipotentiary. Andrew Jackson and several others turned down the appointment, but Poinsett accepted and resigned his congressional seat. He became embroiled in the country's political turmoil until his recall in 1830. It was during this time that he visited the area south of Mexico City around Taxco del Alarcon, where he found what was later to become known in the United States as the Poinsettia; in Mexico it is called "Flor de Noche Buena" (Christmas Eve flower). (The Aztecs referred to the winter-blooming plant as *cuetlaxochitl*; its Latin name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima* or "the most beautiful Euphorbia.") Poinsett, an avid amateur botanist, sent samples of the plant home to the States and by 1836 the plant was most widely known as the "poinsettia."

It is unknown when Poinsett became a Master Mason, but it is known that he was a Past Master of Recovery Lodge No.31, Greenville, and Solomon's Lodge, Charleston. In 1821 he became both Deputy Grand Master and Grand High Priest of South Carolina R.A.M. In 1849 he became the first Master of the revived Greenville Lodge No.3, Greenville S.C.



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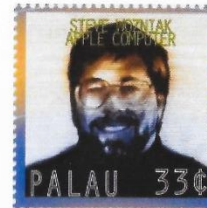


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STEVE WOZNIAK

Born on August 11th 1950 the name on Wozniak's birth certificate is "Stephan Gary Wozniak", but his mother said that she intended it to be spelled "Stephen", and "Steve" is what he uses.

Steve is frequently referred to by the nickname "Woz", "The Wonderful Wizard of Woz", or "The Woz" (short for "Wheels of Zeus") which is also the name of a company Wozniak founded in the early 1970s. He was born in San Jose, California, the son of Margaret Elaine and Jacob Francis "Jerry" Wozniak. He is of Polish and Swiss-German ancestry on his father's side, and of German, Irish, and English descent on his mother's. (stamp left issued 1999)



Steve is a Freemason. He was initiated into Charity Lodge No. 362, Campbell, CA, (now part of Mt. Moriah

Lodge No. 292 in Los Gatos, California) in 1979, and was raised to Master Mason in 1980. Wozniak describes his impetus for joining the Freemasons as being able to spend more time with his wife at the time, Alice. Alice belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, associated with the Masons. Wozniak has said that he quickly rose to a third degree Freemason because, whatever he does, he tries to do well.



The stamp right has a connection to Steve and Apple. Notice the early Apple logo on the screen, the disk drive and on the keyboard (enlarged). Acknowledgements: Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Wikipedia, Who2 Biographies