

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

## SOUVENIR SHEET February 2022

### OFFICERS

President:

*LaVonne Uffelman (2022)*

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*Brad Shay (2022)*

Secretary:

*Mark Sellhorn (2022)*

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*Dave Wallman (2022)*

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*Curtis Peacock (2022)*

*Larry Spreeman (2022)*

### EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

### APS AMBASSADOR

*Dale Niebuhr*

### MEETINGS

The Club meets the second  
Thursday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

College View Adventist Church  
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### AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society  
affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

## Club Happenings Last Month

### January 13 Meeting

We met with 16 members attending. **LaVonne** talked about LINPEX 2022 on February 26-27 at the Country Inn and Suites and discussed the necessary tasks to be done asking for volunteers. Currently, we have 6 exhibits lined up in 8 frames. **This is a good time to think about doing an exhibit. We want to fill 20 frames and everyone is welcome to enter.**

**Dale Niebuhr** showed a 1c postal card mailed 11/2/1936 in Chicago announcing a meeting for election of officers for the Communist Party.

**Brad Shay** passed around a booklet containing the stamp and biography of each of the 35 Famous Americans. He also talked about 6 of our club members helping the Pathfinder kids at the church earn stamp collecting honors (similar to Boy Scout badges). In that process, **Brenda and Maya Ladig** joined our club. Welcome **Benda and Maya**.

**Mark Sellhorn** showed a Christmas present of a 1930 picture postcard of the Graf Zeppelin and its commander Hugo Ekener franked with the 65c zeppelin (Sc. C13).

**Mark** also showed a “Postage Stamp” quilt that his wife made for donation to the club. It will be raffled off at LINPEX 2022.



### Program :“*Sorting 1 cent Washington/Franklin Greens*”

By **Dave Hamilton**

**Dave** passed out piles of 1 cent green Washington/Franklin stamps to each person along with a guide to sorting them out. He walked us through the steps of first sorting the stamps into 5 piles explaining the difference in each. **Dave** then passed out watermarking trays with fluid and helped many of our members with the fine art of finding (quite often) difficult watermarks. We all learned quite a bit and walked away with a useful guide to identify the green Washington/Franklins in our own collections.

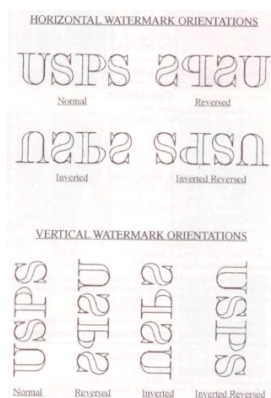
## Step 1 is to sort into 5 piles

Franklin Series of 1894 UPU color update Both 1 and One



279 Horizontal wmk

279a Vertical wmk



Series of 1902

Franklin One and 1

Washington Series 1908 1 cent



Franklin — A115



Series of 1908

Franklin One

Series of 1922

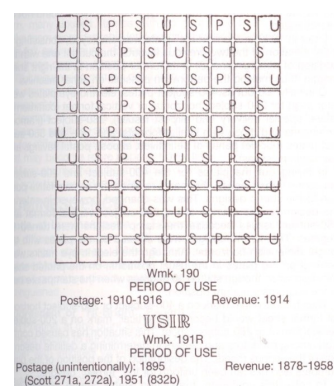
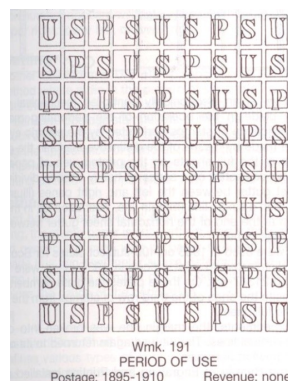
Franklin 1 cent



Franklin — A138



Franklin — A155



**Sorting Pile 2 is rather easy; all are perf 12 and DL wmk except for the imperf, 314, which has no wmk.**

A coil has straight edges on opposing sides and a booklet never does. A booklet can have a single straight edge or two but if two, they are on adjacent sides. Keep in mind that a flat press sheet of stamps has natural straight edges on two sides of the sheet (usually 19 out of 100 for definitive issues). You really cannot identify a booklet stamp from the top or middle rows without having both positions attached to each other.

In 1908 flat plate stamps were made into coils from private perforation companies and their affixing machines. See this area of Scott's catalog for details on this area. Make sure you save any with different types of private perfs.

Beware of sheet stamps that have had their perforations trimmed to look like coils or imperf stamps. Also, note at some time in stamp collecting history, straight edge stamps were valued much less resulting in people re-perforating these to enhance their value to collectors.

**Sorting pile 3 is also rather straight forward from what you now know.** You can easily see the difference between the perf 12 and the later perf 8 ½. What skill is new came in 1910 when DL watermark 191 was replaced with SL watermark 190 thinking that the paper was being weakened and shrinking due to the watermark.

The blue paper stamp has instead of blue and grey paper that is difficult at times to sort from dirty. A blue paper should be examined under a microscope for the fibers. These stamps had paper which instead of all wood pulp had 35% rag content giving the paper the grey coloration and longer bluish fibers. The standard way of looking at these is with a

**Sorting pile 4 requires us to learn to use a perf gauge.** Perfs are measured in their count in a range of 2 cm. and after you examine quite a few you will be able to count the number of full perfs on the short edge of these stamps and get it without the guage. Experienced collectors develop an eye so they can usually see the differences without counting. In this group we also need to watermark most of our choices and note the group of stamps with compound perfs were the horizontal measure (first number) is different than the vertical edges.

We need 1 more skill, that ability to tell flat plate from offset and from rotary printing. Mark reprinted an article in our last newsletter on this subject to which I will defer. I still think the best tool is to mount known flat and rotary stamps on a card (next page).

Offset printing of postage stamps was done during WW1 in the years 1918-1920 due to shortages of ink, plates, and manpower. It wasn't used again in 1964. These stamps usually have a duller appearance than the rest which are all engraved.

Specifications for the 1-cent Ben Frankin Stamps								
Scott #	Year	Perf	Print Method	Horiz mm	Vert mm	Value	Compare	Color Possibilities
552	1923	11	Flat Plate	19	22	\$0.25	standard	deep green, green, pale green
578	1923	11X10	Rotary Press	19.75	22.25	\$75.00	wider	green
581	1923	10	Rotary Press	19.25	22.5	\$0.25	taller	green, yellow green, pale green
594	1923	11	Rotary Press	19.75	22.25	\$35,000.00	wider	green
596	1923	11	Rotary Press	19.25	22.5	\$150,000.00	taller	green
597	1923	10 Vert.	Rotary Press	19.75	22.25	\$0.25	wider	green, yellow green, grayish green
604	1924	10 Horiz.	Rotary Press	19.25	22.5	\$0.25	tallest	green, yellow green
632	1927	11X10.5	Rotary Press	19.25	22.5	\$0.25	wider	green, yellow green

**Make a Reference Card to sort Flat Plate and Rotary using 281/482 which can be either slightly taller or wider**



## Club Notes

We will meet in person at our new location, College View Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott. Please join us in the company of other philatelists.

### Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. Dues are only \$12/year. Membership forms are on the Web: ⓘ Membership: [www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub).

### Facebook

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## Meetings

ⓘ : **Meeting:** Thursday, February 10  
Sale of donated material  
LINPEX prep

# LINPEX 2022

**February 26-27, 2022**  
**Country Inn & Suites**

**5353 N. 27th St.**  
**Lincoln, NE**

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