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The Las Vegas Numismatic Society
December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter



2 Special Events for December

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LVNS Annual Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 10 at the Westgate Hotel & Casino

Doors Open 6 p.m., Dinner Served at 7 p.m.

Reservations & payments **MUST HAVE BEEN MADE** by December 3rd

Don't forget your Banquet Tickets!

Call Fred Kuch (702) 497-4858 for information

NO outside food or drinks

Complimentary champagne served, Free parking—Valet recommended

***Entertainment will be provided by Chuck St. Troy from American Pie Band**

ALSO

***Installation of Officers & Board Members for 2017**

***LVNS 2016 Outstanding Service Award**

***Raffle, Prizes, Benefit Auction,
Dinning, Dancing, Fun for All**



CAN YOU IDENTIFY ME?



Write your guess/answer down on a piece of paper, sign your name and bring it to the next meeting on

Saturday, January 14, 2017. A nice prize will be awarded to the first correct entry drawn. Good luck !

**Hear Ye—
Hear Ye**

**Proposed
Constitutional
Amendment**

A 6th board seat will be added to the board of directors. Nominations will be accepted immediately through the Holiday Banquet with a special election to be held at the January 14, 2017 meeting.

See Fred Kuch or Joe Cavallaro



***Remember:**

**The First Club Meeting of the new year
will be Saturday, January 14, 2017
Bourse and socializing from 2 p.m.**

**Accepting membership dues before
the Holiday Banquet starts**

Start the New Year right . . . Pay your membership dues!!!!

LVNS Club Meetings are held at the University United Methodist Church at 4412 South Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV. directly across from UNLV. Bourse & socializing from 2:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 3 p.m.

Free parking (use the rear lot) & free admission.

Newsletter editor & advertising call Jim Shands (702) 452-3498.

Joe Cavallaro, President (702) 860-6032.

Expanded Bourse, Come early!

Educating and serving our members and the community.



Sometime in 1941, noted coin dealer B. Max Mehl said, "In all the history of numismatics of the entire world, there is not today and there never has been a single coin which was and is the subject of so much romance, interest, comment and upon which so much has been written and so much discussed as the US dollar of 1804."

That was in 1941. Volumes more have been written since then and millions of dollars have been spent pursuing the great "King" of American coins. It wasn't long after we all started collecting coins, I for sure was one of them, that we heard about and then started dreaming about the 1804 silver dollars. It wasn't until 1962 that the first real attempt to sort out all the mysteries surrounding these dollars was finally put to print in **THE FANTASTIC 1804 DOLLAR** by Eric Newman and Kenneth Bressett with research by Walter Breen and Lynn Glaser. Fast forward now some 50 plus years to the present time and we find ourselves still asking the questions as to how, when, where, and why did these great American rarities come into existence. Born as numismatic oddities, these coins were not struck in the dated year they bear, although mint records indicated some 19,570 pieces were struck in 1804. An act of legislation dated April 2, 1792 specified that pieces contain "the year of coinage." Reverse dies could be reused lawfully, but not the obverse unless they had the proper date. Thus the practice of over dating was started. So what happened to these 19,570 dollars? Were they ever struck? To cover up their disappearance, several stories have circulated about them being melted along with Spanish dollars, and another tale that they were on board the frigate Philadelphia which was captured by Barbary Pirates! To date, no substantiating facts have come to light to support any of the theories regarding the existence or disappearance of these coins. What we do now know is that sometime during the administration of President Andrew Jackson (1829-1837), the State Department requested that several complete sets of American coins were to be assembled and used as gifts of state. One was to be given to the King of Siam, and another to the Sultan of Muscat. The request was dated November 11, 1834. These first strikes are known as Class I specimens and they are the only 1804 dollars that could possibly be considered legal coins. For certain 8 exist, although it is possible there are a few more out there.

The mystery of the 1804 dollars gets even more intriguing, when sometime in either 1858 or 1859, mint employees took an 1857 Swiss Bern Shooting Thaler 5 franc and struck in into a plain edge 1804 silver dollar. There is only one known of this type which we call Class II. This coin reposes in the National collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The story continues now to the Class III specimens when Chief Coiner Snowden found old hubs and dies in a vault. He had several impressions struck from these dies before they were destroyed. There are 6 known specimens today. So there you have it. Just like government and politics of today, cover ups and scandals were running rampant at the US Mint and Treasury during the 19th century. The final chapter concerning the 1804 silver dollar has not been written, nor may they ever come to light. What we have today is 15 known specimens of 3 different classes of which only a few are in public hands. No wonder records are broken and hysteria abounds when one of these treasures is offered for sale. Happy collecting!

Joe Cavallaro

President, LVNS



MARKET PLACE



LVNS Newsletter Classified Ads

- 1) Fast Sort FS-4DA/BK Digital Coin Sorter \$50 837-3890 Jim
- 2) Clearance Sale 1st Edition 2015 Deluxe Red Books on sale
1/2 price \$25.00 (List \$49.95) Only a few available call Joe
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All area codes are 702 unless otherwise indicated.



To commemorate the LVNS Diamond Jubilee, 1957-2017, a special medallion will be struck in .999 fine silver and bronze by the Silvertown Mint.

Jim Shands created the winning design.

Details, price, etc. will be available soon.
Delivery expected in apx. 8 to 10 weeks.



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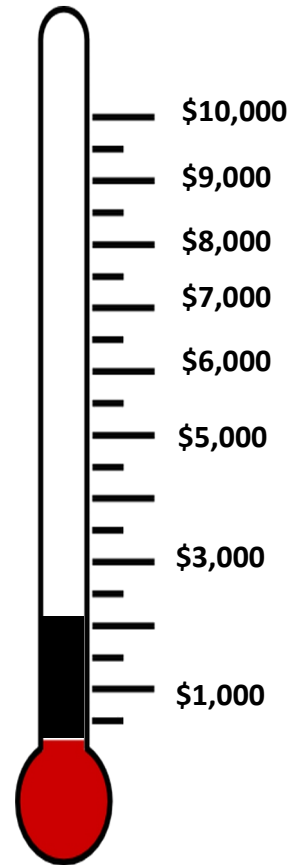
Diamond Jubilee 60 Years

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King & Queen of Coins Fundraiser

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Important Dates:

December 9-11 CK Coin Show at Westgate

December 10 LVNS Banquet at Westgate

January 14, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

February 11, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

February 17—18, 2017 Bottle Club Show

At the Henderson Convention Center

March 11, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

April 8, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

May 13, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

May 18-20, 2017 LVNS King & Queen Coin Show
At Westgate Casino

Jun 10, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

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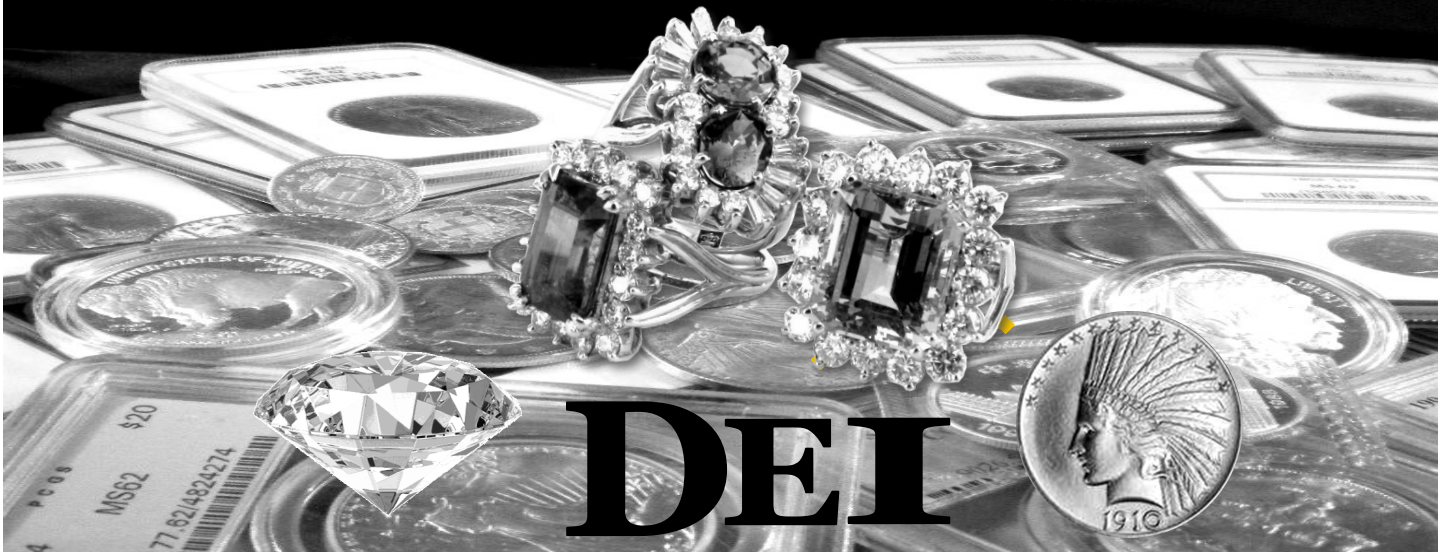
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