

Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

December 10 Christmas Coins and Minibourse
Bring coins to sell or trade. I'll bring Star of Bethlehem, Byzantine Jesus, and Magi coins. Do you have Santa Claus or something cool? *Also nomination for officers and board.*

December 28 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

January 25 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

January 28 Elections and Dinner

We will give you \$10 for dinner or desert if dues are paid. Election of officers and board members. We are down two board members with Allison gone and Ken recuperating.

After the Last Meeting

Next meeting December 10 (not Christmas Eve). 16 members got to review Constantine coins full of gods and just the X-P or first two letters of Christ's name in Greek appearing occasionally on his bronze coins. This was the sign in the sun ✱ Constantine saw with the voice saying by this sign conquer, not the cross of the medieval crusades. Constantine who shepherded the creation of the Nicene Creed defining Jesus as "very God of very God" made Christianity a licit rather than illicit religion of Rome, and his personal favored religion, not the only religion of Rome. Romans insisted on worshipping all gods as personifications of the divine, who was ultimately unknowable as Plato and the early Church taught. All gods, including us, were angels or daemons. In addition the ✱ depending on how big you made the top of the rho or P could be accepted as the star or sun sign of Mithra-Sol-Apollo ✱, who was the army's favorite god. The earliest depiction of Christ in the Roman catacombs was as Apollo and the Good Shepherd (Apollo again). The Renaissance also often depicted Christ as the blond Apollo. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (36 sold). Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website:www.renecoinclub.com

We meet at **Denny's**
205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



All 2024 coins here: NA, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri Innovation \$1. Famous women .25 Zitkala-Sa.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: Zitkala PDS .25 won by Bart Daniels.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rusty King: **mystery box** gold plated NV .25 and Zitkala PDS .25, 2024 .25 set
Art Bonnel: Trish jam, grape jam.
Andy Olson: Zitkala PDS .25, 1913 .05
Rick DeAvila: NV cased state .25, .01 unc. roll
Jeff Allen: 1973 mint set, 1948 .01
Bill Naylor 2009 .01 set, 1 gr silver coin, chocolate coins
David Elliott: consecutive serial \$1
Faye Allen: cherry jam, NV cased .25
Mark King: 2 copies 19th banknotes
Joe Lamberson: 1975 proof set, 1909- filled penny book, copy Confederate bills, Zitkala PD .25
Bart Daniels: 2024 .25 set, bronze RCC medal
Mary Long: Argentina coin

Quarter Pot

David Lanza (not present) won the .25 pot

THANKS TO BILL GREEN, FRED HOLABIRD, AJ and RUSTY KING who have donated a lot of raffle prizes. *I do need some more silver coins and will pay going rates for dimes, quarters, halves, commemoratives and dollars.* Always like to get or buy mint sets and medals too.



\$20 dues for 2024. Come to the dinner in January and get \$10 rebate or mail to Reno Coin Club, 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno, NV 89503.

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Treasurer's report: At the end of October our available balance was \$6,495.36. Activity included: Income included \$85 for our monthly club raffle. New expenses for the month included \$7.45 for coin supplies. This was a real low-volume month.

Upcoming Coin Shows

December 13-14 Visalia Coin Show, Veterans Memorial Hall, 600 W. Center Ave., Admit ?, John Ward 415 601-8661

December 15 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit ?, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

The Other Coin: Star of Bethlehem, Magi, and Christ Coins



The big news last year was a perfect match for the Star of Bethlehem and there are coins! Michael Molnar presents his case for a December birth in a book titled *The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi*. Molnar explains that Aries (a ram) was the sign of the Jews, and that ancient stargazers watched Jupiter, the regal “star” that conferred kingships, undergo two eclipses by the Moon in Aries in 6 BC. The second

eclipse on April 17 was when Jupiter was “in the east,” a condition mentioned twice in the biblical account about the Star of Bethlehem. In August of that year Jupiter became stationary and then “went before” through Aries where it became stationary again on Dec. 19 (my birthday!), 6 BC. This is when the regal planet “stood over,” a secondary royal portent also described in the Bible. A Roman astronomer confirms that the conditions of April 17, 6 BC, were believed to herald the birth of a divine, immortal, and omnipotent person born under the sign of the Jews. Both Augustus and Silanus, who was governor of Syria from AD 13 to AD 17, commemorated the event with a bronze coin. Indeed, every subsequent Roman governor of Syria for 200 years issued a coin heralding the celestial event as Providential promise of their elevation to a world throne. Octavian (Augustus) did become Roman emperor, but so did Elagabalus, priest king of Emesa, Syria in 218 AD. Two 19 year olds miraculously became emperor, which became a proof of the validity of astrology for the Romans and Greeks.



Azes II, 35bc-4ad
A. II mounted/Athena stands



Phraates IV, 37-2bc
head/ king as archer



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad
wife Shuqailat/ cornucopias

The coins for the Three Wisemen have traditionally been: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthians (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) or Aretas IV of the Nabataeans. There were many other petty kings of the East that did not issue coins. Tigranes V of Armenia, the first Christian nation should be a candidate. Rulers were often priest kings like the Roman emperors, who were Pontif Maximus, chief priest. Astronomy (with astrology) and medicine (role of diet and exercise) were a part of

any general college education that made one a magi or educated ruler.

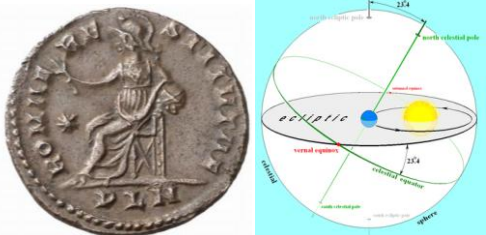
The image of Christ appears on a series of Byzantine coins for 800 years. The gold coins travelled to Ireland and Japan and likely are the reason we think Jesus has long hair and a beard. The coins copied paintings of Christ reported to be made by St. Luke and placed in Antioch (renamed the City of God-Theopolis) where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. The first gold image:



Justinian II (685-695 AD) with Christ holding the gospels and blessing with his right hand emphasizing with two pairs of fingers the two natures of Christ (man and God). The cross behind Christ and being held by the emperor is not the cross of crucifixion, but the cross of Christ Pantocrator, ruler of all. This can be easily seen in the halo of the common bronze coins that followed 969-1118 AD issued without attribution to a particular emperor. The reverse



proclaims Jesus the Christ King of Kings in Greek. The cross for the early church was a sign of Christ ruling the cosmos symbolized as a globe with on X the elliptic and sidereal line of the zodiac from earth's 23.4 degree tilt as seen on a coin of Constantine



held by Eternal Roma enthroned. The early Church did not have the juridical notion of an angry God demanding Christ's death because of man's sins, but saw Jesus as the godman, who promised godhood and resurrection to all. God became man, so that man might become god proclaimed Athanasius and Irenaeus. The crucifixion like the incarnation was proof that the least of men from fetus to disgraced criminal was granted salvation as were the dead, living, and future generations and those that did not know Christ, but lead a godly life nevertheless. Christ



Pantocrator with gospels//cross on three steps (Trinity) Jesus the Christ abbreviated IS/XS, King of Kings.



Jesus Pantocrator with cross and lilies and X. Christ Pantocrator enthroned and Romanus III (1028-1034 AD) being crowned by the Virgin Mary. Jesus the



Christ King of Kings (Latin)// Mother of God preserve (help, save) Romanus. Merry Christmas.



Numismatic Potpourri

Trish and I are getting certified to present the Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge when we are at the museum. Malta has produced a coin with highlights of gold, palladium, and ruthenium (black). The first time the three metals have appeared together on coin. Reverse has Malta's crest in ruthenium. Croatia has issued a cool dragon



coin with gold highlights and antique finish. Reverse shows back of dragon. The Royal Dutch Mint will be minting coins for Finland after they closed their mint. France celebrates the rebuilding of Notre



Dame in gold, silver, and arch shaped, even colorized coins. Not as wonderful as the Perth Bond



collection, which is colorized with the different Bonds and often scenes from the movies, Great Britain is celebrating 60 years of Bond 007 with a

collection of his vehicles all together and separately.



A nickel-sized coin sold for \$2,520,000. This 1652 three pence was in production between May and October 1652, when the General Court mandated a new design to stop thieves from stealing slivers of these coins. Of the three coins the Hull Mint made within this period, including the shilling, the sixpence, and the three pence, the latter remains the rarest. It was the smallest denomination, but took the same amount of effort as the other two. Hull was paid by the ounce to make them, so made few of the three pence. Struck to commemorate Princess Ka'iulani's 18th birthday in 1893. From a reported mintage of just 20 pieces.



Reno Cartwheel

December 2024



Ireland (1866-1867) \$10 with portrait of "Wolfe Tone" at lower left and "Davis." The Fenian Brotherhood were a committed group of Irish nationalists who attempted an unsuccessful rebellion in the 1860s. Their leaders continued to harass the British for years and help inspire and participate in the eventual successful rebellion against Britain in the early 20th century.



Civil War ID Disc Dog Tag with original "McClellan" pin hanger. The 1st Maine was in 29 battles, including the First Winchester & Gettysburg. **The lost Daniel Morgan gold Comitia Americana medal** is being auctioned by Stacks Bowers. The US Mint restruck the coin in 1839 after the original was stolen in a bank robbery and the family petitioned Congress. It was sold to J.P. Morgan, then lost for 139 years.



After a nearly 50-year quest, Michael Bourne's ***Comprehensive Catalog of 3c Patterns*** serves not only as the definitive catalog of the US 3-cent pattern series, but also chronicles the formation of this important father-and-son collection. The US Mint produced nearly a hundred different 3-cent patterns (including the off-metal strikes), dated 1849 to 1885. On Newmann Portal:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/booksbyauthor/554217>

Three exhibits on **virtual display at the ANA museum: The Medal in America** – Through medallic art, this exhibit illustrates the history of the United States from colonial times to the present, starting with the innovation of modern medals and how they are made. **Americana Gallery** – The Museum's newest exhibit emphasizes iconic rarities of American numismatics and the collectors who donated them. **History of Money** – Money has been evolving for the last 10,000 years. This exhibit explores early money, introduces the very first coins of the ancient world, examines the development of paper notes, and highlights unique monetary moments, such as Notgeld and emergency issues. Virtual tours are available for all exhibits at money.org/money-museum/virtual-tours



US Society of Medalists bronze medal. Issued 1987.



1909 Abraham Lincoln plaque Preserve, Protect, Defend. Gilt bronze, 63 mm. Between 1907 and 1909, **Victor David Brenner** was responsible for a series of **Abraham Lincoln plaques**. President Theodore Roosevelt was impressed by an example, and commissioned Brenner to design the Lincoln cent still in circulation today.

