Why Do We Pass Out Chips?

Soon after Dr. Bob became sober he, with the help of Sister Ignatia, began admitting suffering alcoholics to St Thomas Hospital in Akron.

Upon release Sister Ignatia would present each patient with a 'Sacred Heart Medal' with the understanding that before they would take another drink they would return the Medal to her.

It soon became apparent at the Akron AA meetings that those who flaunted Sister's Medal acted 'kinda more special' than those who didn't have one.

It wasn't long before the other members retaliated by coming up with a non-denominational and inexpensive alternative token commonly known as a Poker Chip.

This Sacred Heart Medal displayed here is one of those that Sister Ignatia issued.

