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TSNS President's Message for Spring 2018

The March show was successful, even with the flooding at Camp Jordan. The attendance actually surpassed the past couple of shows and many dealers had a very good show.

The biggest complaint was the fact that the City of East Ridge did not put out detour signs for the public to use the back entrance to Camp Jordan. We tried to make signs, but they were very small and hard to see, especially in the rain. Camp Jordan personnel are working with the city to avoid this from happening again in the future.

Elections were held and the results were announced at the General Membership meeting on Saturday, March 3rd. 398 ballots were mailed out and 170 returned; that is more than a 30% return. That is far above average for most coin organizations election results. The following officer positions were open for re-election, with the names of the incumbents listed first. Members elected to the board of directors listed after. Highlighted names were elected to the positions mentioned.

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Historian – **Sharon Blackman** / Dan Card

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Phil Darby Steve Ellsworth
Jim Lusk Bruce Paulhamus

I look forward to working with this new board, and a special thanks to Jim Ford, Gayle Pike and Glenda Weaver for your years of service to the Tennessee State Numismatic Society organization.

Special thanks go out to the Chattanooga Coin Club and the Chief John Ross coin clubs for their help at the show. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Orva Detrick a long time dealer at the TSNS Spring and Fall shows passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of January 13, 2018. He was a well known dealer on the show circuit and will be sorely missed by all.

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Watch Your Cash (continued)

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TSNS President's Message for Spring 2018 (continued)

Last but obviously not least; our financial position is very strong. We were able to repay in full a CD loan that we had to take out a year and half ago. The show and general accounts are in great shape finally.

I hope that everyone has a great summer. I'll see some of you around the show circuit and others in November for the TSNS Fall show.

Bob Hurst

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If you have any suggestions or recommendation for the Newsletter just let me know either call (321-258-0325) or email rblackman@cfl.rr.com.

If you can attend any local coin shows in your area please do. This will be worthwhile and by getting to know the dealers that would be a greater benefit.

As always be safe and aware of your surroundings when you are traveling to and from a show.

Take care. Ron Blackman

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IN MEMORY OF ORVA DETRICK



Orva H. Detrick, 67, of Springfield, Ohio passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of January 13, 2018. He was born March 20th, 1950 in Springfield, Ohio, the son of the late Howard H. Detrick and Emilia (Pape) Detrick. He grew up on old Rt. 40 and had an idyllic childhood. He helped his father raise all kinds of animals and dearly loved his dog Dasher. Orv told many stories of running or riding his bike for miles all over the neighborhood, Playing baseball and basketball with all of his friends. At twelve years old he started working at his father's auto parts store,

Springfield Tire and Battery, doing small jobs, where he made friends with all the "old timers". At 18 his father passed. After a year of studying at OSU he was needed back home and returned to help run the family business with his brother and sister. Between the three of them, they worked the business together until 1997 when it was sold. Orv made hundreds of good friends and business associates throughout those years. Orv then decided to begin a second career in collecting and selling rare coins, which was a passion his entire life. He and his wife Marcia traveled extensively to work coin conventions all over the country. In 2007 Orv realized his dream and opened his own coin sho, Gold Silver & Coin, where he was active in the New Carlisle community until his passing. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marcia D. (Koepnick) Detrick, his two sons Ryan E. Detrick and Aaron P. Detrick (Sara), his sister Emily C. Ulery (Wayne) and his brother Howard J. Detrick (Karen), numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and three beloved grandchildren Susanna Kincaid, Sebastian Edward, and Gus Henry, whom he loved dearly. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Foundation or the Pink Ribbon Girls. The outpouring of comments and tributes to him has helped us get through this difficult time. He was one of a kind and there will never be another.

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Young Numismatist Program Gayle Pike

The Young Numismatist Program began at 1PM on Saturday. There were 25 or more children as they just kept coming in. We began by talking about the country of Indonesia. We discussed the way the country was very tropical and military was an important part of the country. Then each child received 2 pieces of Indonesia currency. One depicted jungle and one a soldier showing how their currency reflected what their country was about. I was assisted in the program by Mr. Bill Swafford from the local club and Mr. Russell.

We talked about enhanced coins and was this a good or bad thing. We showed and then gave away colorized coins, gold plated coins, fancy boxes for common coins, certified and graded coins and fancy packaged coins.

Dealers and TSNS had donated coins which were placed into groups. Mr. Russell held up a group and I called a name of a child to receive that group of coins as a door prize.

We had a contest to design a dollar bill. Each child was given a page with a blank bill and crayons. They were to design what they thought our dollar bill should look like. The designs were taken and judged by Steve Ellsworth who is a member of the ANA Board of Governors. (Photos of the bills appear on page 9) While the bills were being judged Mr. Swafford talked about several US coins and pieces of paper money.

Steve came to the YN Program and told about the ANA Summer seminar that the kids could attend. He then gave out three prize

Dealers are ready for the opening of the 2018 Spring Show.



The Knights of Malta (and the Movies) Continued)

And now the movie connection -
Remember that 'bird of prey'. A Maltese Falcon, of course!



Watch Your Cash (continued)

One seller of this “prop” money lists them as follows: **\$20 Bill - Best Movie Prop Money - Fake Prank - Looks Real - Free Shipping!** They're sold for \$1.79, each and described as being, “.... the best HD (high definition) quality printing.” There are numerous, other listings for this prop/play/prank money; said terms that seemingly render it harmless. In this writer's humble opinion, there “outta be a law” to combat the marketing of these fake, reasonably deceptive bills.

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Registration and Club Tables are ready for the opening of the Spring show.

Public is ready for the opening of the show.



The Knights of Malta (and the Movies)

by Bill Snyder

It's all about History

This crown-size silver coin was issued by The Knights of Malta.



Who? The Knights of Malta? (And the movies)?

Let's start at the beginning

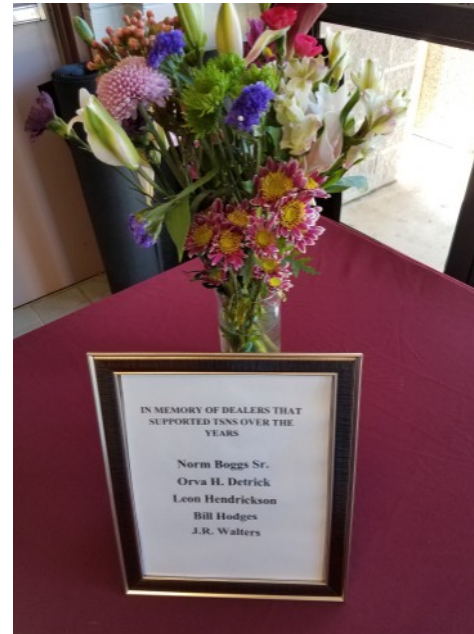
Formed in the 12th Century by many sons of European nobility, the Knights, originally called "The Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem" went off to the Crusades in the Holy Land. Also called "The Hospitalers", they set up hospitals for the injured. Additionally, they did their share of fighting.

When the fighting were over, the Knights settled on the Mediterranean island of Rhodes. Over the years, they became rich and powerful, in part because of their influence and connections the Courts of Europe.

Hundreds of years later, (in 1522), as the Turks of the Ottoman Empire were invading Europe and the Mediterranean from the East, the Knights on Rhodes were attacked. The forces of Suleiman the Magnificent surrounded the island and moved in, 200,000 strong.. The defending Knights of Malta had only 7,000 fighting men. The invaders were held off for 3 months. When the island fell, the survivors were given safe conduct because of their bravery.

In 1530, Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, gave the Knights the island of Malta in exchange for an annual fee of one bird of prey per year.

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In memory of dealers who supported TSNS for many years that are no longer with us.

Norm Boggs Sr
Orva Detrick
Leon Hendrickson
Bill Hodges
J.R. Walters

In Memory of Orva Detrick. Orva supported the TSNS shows and organization for many years.



Gaye Pike,
YN Coordinator and Bill
Swafford getting
ready for the start of the
UN Program



Bill Swafford
passing out door
prizes to the
YNs.

Steve Ellsworth awarding
prizes in the contest of
redesigning the front of
the \$1 bill. Thanks to
Hannah (1st), Isaac (2nd)
and Kaden (3rd) for their
participation in the con-
test. Images on next page
at the top is 1st, 2nd and
3rd place.



Watch Your Cash

by Bill Groom

When someone hands you a group of \$20 bills, say in change for \$100, do you look separately at each bill? If not, you may want to reconsider. Life, nowadays, is more fast-paced than ever, and pausing for an extra second, during any transaction is not a bad idea.

A good buddy of mine works for a large business concern in Florida that handles large amounts of cash on a daily basis. He recently told me that one of the company's employees turned in a \$20 bill that was "play" money. Curious to see if I could find what he was referencing, a quick eBay search yielded results..



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A Godly Ancient Coin

by Bill Groom

Among the earliest, ancient bronze coins to portray an image of Jesus Christ were the Byzantine *folles* (*follis*, being the singular for this denomination). The image of Christ had appeared on some ancient gold coins, under the rule of Justinian back in the seventh century. The bronze *follis*, was then a common, circulating coin that any average citizen might possess. Thus, the significance of the message it carried was spread far and wide.

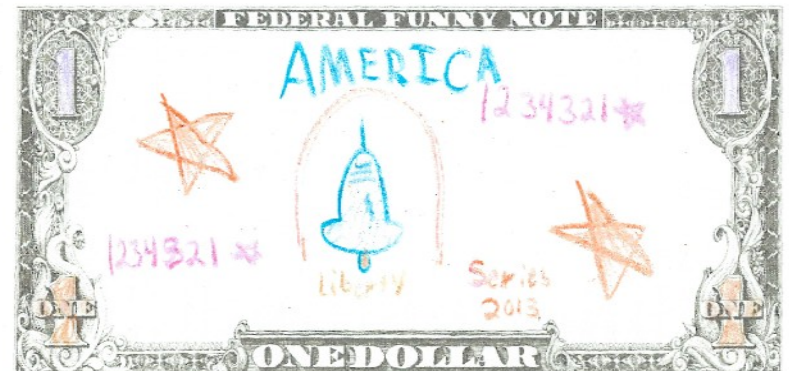
Pictured below is a bronze *follis*, dated between 1028 and 1041 A.D. Likely minted in Constantinople, note that some detail has been lost in circulation. Jesus appears on the obverse, holding gospels with both hands. The reverse legend in Greek, surrounding a cross, is “*Jesus Christ, King of Kings.*”



Nowadays, one can only imagine the impact that these coins had upon their ancient possessors. The religious and political message is a powerful one. Earthly emperors and kings would bow to a Divine King ... A humbling message, indeed. Now, what present day history buff or Christian wouldn't like to own one of these and tell the story?

In today's coin market, decent specimens of the *follis* can be had in the \$20-\$40 range. Collectors need to be wary of counterfeits when looking at high grade specimens. The counterfeiting of ancient coins was done as long as two or three hundred years ago in order to provide wealthy collectors with hard to locate specimens. Fortunately, *folles* (plural) are plentiful and less likely to be counterfeited in average grades.

Images of the redesign of the front of the Dollar Bill contest



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The Wealth of the South Tokens

by Bill Groom

Among my favorite Civil War tokens are the so-called *Wealth of the South* series. Although issued for the 1860 election year, these tokens have long been included in the Civil War series. A Cincinnati die sinker, Benjamin C. True, struck a variety of these "Confederate" tokens in addition to tokens that promoted candidates Abraham Lincoln, Stephen Douglas, John Bell and John Breckenridge that year. True's tokens were brass and slightly smaller than a quarter. Often, they were plated and appear silvery as such. Many were holed to be worn with a ribbon. Unlike most Civil War tokens that circulated as cent substitutes, True's tokens were keepsakes, to be worn, carried as pocket pieces or simply collected.



Many Civil War tokens display fine pictorials, but few can compare with the intricate design of True's *Wealth of the South* pieces. Higher grade pieces boast amazing detail. Note how the cannon resides at peaceful rest, stacked cannon balls nearby, beneath the graceful Palmetto tree. These tokens left no doubt in 1860 that the South stood ready to defend its wealth in "rice, tobacco, sugar, cotton" as illustrated on the token's reverse.

In today's market, worn and/or holed specimens of these *Wealth of the South* tokens sell in the \$300-\$500 range. Higher grade, unholed specimens will command twice that amount and more. Common Civil War tokens are presently selling in the \$20-\$50 range. Anyone interested in this series may Google the **Civil War Token Society**

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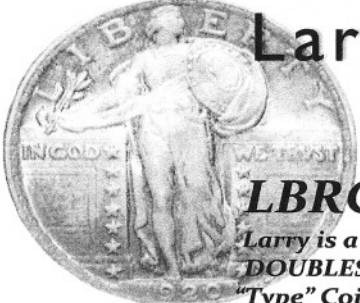
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