

Annual Dues:

Dues: It is time to pay your dues for 2016. Dues are \$20 to help support the oldest numismatic organization in the West! Cash or checks are welcome at the December meeting. Or, you can mail your check to:

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PO Box 475656
San Francisco CA 94147

Election Reminder: We will have a short business meeting in December to elect officers for 2016.



Capped cent by L.S. Werner produced between 1935 and 1938.



1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!



1196th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

7:30PM Wednesday December 23, 2015
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

HOLIDAY PARTY

Annual Holiday Party!

Please join us December 23, 2015 for the annual holiday party. As is tradition, the event is potluck. Bring something delicious to share and enjoy what your fellow members bring as well.

A good time will be had by all!

Wow!

We made it through our 100th anniversary year and we remain a healthy, financially viable numismatic society. Few are able to make a similar claim. What a long journey from the first meeting in a business office in downtown San Francisco. The addition of Farran Zerbe to the mix and his enthusiasm pushing a grand idea to an actual organization hosting the ANA during the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

Everyone played a role in the success of the year, some more than others, but we all share the good feelings of a year well done. Now it is time to take a seasonal break and share an evening of fellowship, some good food, and tasty seasonal treats.

We are a diverse group and celebrate the holidays in many different ways, but I believe we can all appreciate a few tokens that celebrate the season. Arlie Slabaugh published a small catalog of Christmas Tokens and Medals in 1966. Since my wife's favorite holiday is Christmas, I made it a point to add a few often rare tokens and medals to my collection when I've had the opportunity. Many of these feature Santa Claus, the real focus of my collection, but there are exceptions.

My first piece is not is Slabaugh because it is a Dutch medal from 1919. (He does have a few Canadian and foreign medals, but not



many.) I was an exchange student living in Germany in 1968 and I will never forget Christmas Eve when we gathered in our small living room to light the candles on the tree. Image having an actual fir tree in your house filled with small burning candles! Some traditions are probably best left in the past.

Kris Kringle is another name for Santa and the Kris Kringle medal is one of three different medals featuring the Santa and his sleigh obverse.



The final piece here was not cataloged by Slabaugh, but it is a late 1800s piece with a traditional European walking Santa holding a Christmas tree.



2016 meeting Schedule:

January 27, 2016: Building C, Fort Mason
February 24, 2016: Building C, Fort Mason
March 23, 2016: Building C, Fort Mason
April 27, 2016: Building C, Fort Mason
May 25, 2016: Building C, Fort Mason
June: TBD