

## **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society April 2018 Minutes**

The Board Meeting for April 25, 2018 was called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice President Jason Macario. Secretary Bob Somers and Governor Herb Miles were in attendance. Ed, Bill, Dan and Stephen sent their regrets in advance for missing the meeting.

The March minutes were accepted. There was no April financial statement to review at this meeting. Jason announced that Dan had received a fourth papers submission which will be sent off to the judges. The board approved a bill for \$300.00 expenditure for the purchase of the PCSN 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting die. Jason reminded the board that future meeting locations would be at either Fort Mason or the Mechanics Institute and to check the bulletin/website before heading out to a meeting. The board approved a \$25 expenditure for the March general meeting raffle prizes. The board meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. At the end of the general meeting, the board also approved a \$40 expenditure for the April raffle prizes.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Also present were Mark William Clark, Federico Castillo, Chris Donaldson, Michael Wehner, Ken Takahashi, Charlie Catlett and new member Joseph Frederick. Stephen sent his regrets for missing a second meeting in a row. Jason reminded the group that the papers deadline was at this meeting and that four papers have been received. Membership applicant, Michael Carolan, became an active member of PCNS at this meeting. Herb suggested sending new members a welcome letter. Jason reminded members to watch the bulletin/website for upcoming meeting locations. Jason announced the board has approved the purchase of the 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting die. The group was introduced to new member Joseph Frederick. Joseph's interests include Morgan silver dollars.

Herb shared his collection of Ku Klux Klan tokens and a fascinating presentation titled The KKK Revisited. Formed after the Civil War, the KKK began as a social club or fraternal organization. KKK tokens are broken up into three primary time periods. All first era tokens from 1865 to 1915 are considered fantasies as no authentic pieces are known. Second era tokens span from 1915 to 1954. With the 1915 release of the film "Birth of a Nation", the KKK saw a resurgence and the organization took on the identity of a racist, anti-Semitic organization when it was reformed on Stone Mountain. Second era tokens are full of symbolic imagery such as burning crosses, the Bible, flags and fasces as well as acronyms for their America first agenda. Examples include (SYMWAO) Spend Your Money with Americans Only and (MIAFA) My Interests Are For America. Membership during the second era was at an all-time high 4-5 million members. Two second era tokens are HK listed, HK908 and HK909. Finally, modern era tokens span from 1955 to present. During the modern era, membership had dropped significantly due to federal involvement. Token manufacturers also removed their names from their products as some tokens are available with and without the manufacturer's name. D. E. Birdsell's 1981 book "Ku Klux Klan Tokens" is the primary reference on the subject of KKK Tokens although there are several other resources. Only time will tell if the current alt right movement will produce a lasting impact on white nationalist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan.

### **Member exhibits:**

Charlie – 2006 Paris Mint restrike of 1906 San Francisco earthquake medal

Federico – a South American token, a sheep shearing token and a Josefa DeHerrarte token

Mark – San Francisco Ad Agency, Emil Brisacher and Staff token dated 1939

Joseph – 1881-S Morgan silver dollar

Ken – Three Chinese silver ingots  
Michael – French meteorological medal  
Jason – 1925 Stone Mountain half dollar

The Raffle/Drawing Prizes are as follows:

1. Official 1939 Guide Book of GGIE, elongated GGIE cent & Adult's 50 Admission booklet of tickets to Jason
2. Official 1940 Guide Book of GGIE, bronze GGIE token & Adult's 50 Admission booklet of tickets also won by Jason
3. Official Miniature Guide Book of the PPIE featuring photos of the main buildings & attractions and a PPIE bronze medal to new member Joseph
4. The Official California American Revolution Bicentennial Medallion won by Federico
5. And for the well-dressed numismatist, a Morgan silver dollar Bolo Tie; also to Joseph

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.  
Prepared by Secretary Bob Somers.