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From the Club Collection
1727 5 Kopek of Catherine I from the Moscow Mint (20.64g)
Picture by club curator

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Members can select from 600 titles with new ones added regularly.
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Royal Canadian Numismatic Association

Token and Medal Society

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- Eisenhart Auditorium -

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RNA Bylaws designate several committees appointed by the President and Board of Directors. Above are the current active committees:

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Regular **RNA** meetings are held from September to June at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (see Calendar for possible schedule exceptions at Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays) at **Eisenhart Auditorium** of the **Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607**. The auditorium is the glass front building behind the Museum. **Enter and exit through the main entrance, and turn left to go up the ramp to the ballroom. We will continue to have these meetings on Zoom for members who cannot attend in person.**

From Our President

Greetings RNA Members!

This will be my last letter to you as the President of the Rochester Numismatic Association. It's hard to believe almost an entire year has gone by! I want to take the time to thank everyone in the club for being so welcoming and warm as I muddled through it. I was originally reluctant to take on officer roles for the club but I'm glad I did. I've felt more connected to the hobby than ever before and that is a testament to how rewarding this hobby can be. Like any club of our kind, it's the people and connections that are the most rewarding, and the people in our club are the best!

It looks like we have an excellent slate of officers to continue guiding the club forward next year as well. Our members always find a way to step up. It's nice to see the interest in this hobby does not seem to be waning. Through the course of my Presidency, I've seen many new members join, which is critical for the long-term viability of our club. The level of engagement from the new members has been great to see as well.

Special thanks go out to our Vice President, Chris Kasulaitis, for setting up an amazing roster of presenters this year! I'd also like to shout out former President Scott Annechino for stepping in on the nights I was unable to attend to run the meetings. Scott is also our de facto auctioneer and makes every auction fun and engaging. Kerri Annechino deserves a gold medal for her long run as Treasurer and getting her replacement up to speed. All of our members and dealers appreciated the return of the Annual Coin Show after a three-year hiatus so a big shout out to all who made that happen as well. As I reflect on the past year, it really has been a great one for the RNA!

We're looking forward to honoring our most recent past President, Tim Flavin, at the banquet on Saturday May 27 at Grinnell's. Stay tuned for information on tickets.

I know I'll continue to be involved in this club for as long as I am able. We're all very lucky to have a community of people to share our favorite hobby with. I'll see you all soon!

Keep collecting!
Kevin B. Rankin

An Easter Egg Hunt

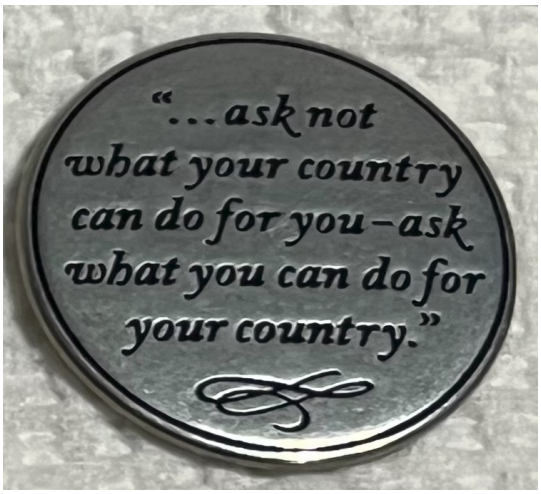
On this most recent Easter, I went on my own "Easter Egg" hunt. I went searching for some relatives at a local cemetery. I was not as successful as I had hoped I might have been in terms of finding these relatives. However it was still an interesting day for outdoor adventures nonetheless. It was actually quite a beautiful sunny Sunday for such an endeavor. My Easter Egg hunt really only turned up some small eggs that day. Here are some of those small eggs that I stumbled across during my adventures from that day. I hope that you enjoy checking out some of the images from my Easter Egg findings. These are images that I took of items that are currently in my possession. And remember, these are only two sides to these "coins", there's more sides than just two. Thank you and Enjoy!

ANC Medal Side 1

ANC Medal Side 2

Token 1 Side 1

Token 1 Side 2



Token 2 Side 1
Christopher Kasulaitis – VP – RNA

Token 2 Side 2

Alphonse Kolb's 1913 Diary

The RNA owns a 1913 diary of Alphonse Kolb's trip from Germany to America. Kolb created and struck the RNA medals from 1921 to 1977.
One problem is that the diary is in German. If you know someone who can translate these 11 pages (4x6 inches), please contact Gerry Muhl at 336-9459. The handwriting is very clear.

Updating Contact Information

If any members have moved or changed their e-mail addresses in the last 5-10 years, would you please forward their contact information to Membership Chairman David Gottfried at gottfried@alfred.edu. We have had several e-mails bounce, and we are trying to make sure that everyone is receiving our communications. If you would rather receive such communications via snail mail, please let us know.

Keeping Our Club Going

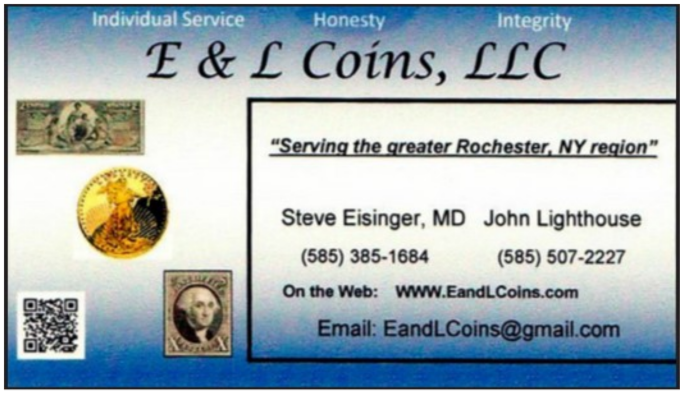
2023-2024 dues should be paid by June 30th of this year. They are $30. You may pay on our website store or send a check to the club address.

From the Editor

The ANA convention is coming in August. It will take place in Pittsburgh. Checking out the dealers can have some fun and unexpected results. When John and I were at the 2021 convention, we were looking at the coins from a dealer located far away from New York (can't remember where. unfortunately). But right in front of us was John's RNA presidential medal! When we got the attention of the dealer, John said something like "that's me"! They were astounded! They asked if we wanted to purchase the medal, but we said no. I wonder if they ever sold it. So you never know what you'll find at the ANA convention. More information in our next newsletter.

I'll be starting on the July-August newsletter by the end of June. Please send me contributions.

Sheryl Zabel



RNA Events Calendar

May 10th…….Donovan Shilling: “The Franklin Mint”
May 24th…….Jerry Truesdell:”1909 VDB Coin Adventure”
May 27th…….Tim Flavin’s Banquet at Grinnell’s
June 14th……...Nicholas M. Graver: Photographic Numismatics
June 28th……RNA Meeting

Members are welcome to attend RNA Board meetings.

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