

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021

March 24, 2021 Robert A. Jesinger, *So-Called Dollars and the William H. Warner & Bro Co. of Philadelphia*

April 28, 2021 *Speaker and Topic TBA**

April 28, 2021 *Deadline for 2021 Papers Contest Submissions*

May 26, 2021 *Speaker and Topic TBA**

* See "Speak Up!" below

PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended until further notice. Instead, we will meet online. This has the benefit of enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting *and* to give a presentation!

SPEAK UP!

As can be seen above, there are ample opportunities for **you** to make a presentation in coming months. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

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Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

New! Beginning with the May, 2020 Meeting, you can also view a recording of the presentation on our [YouTube channel](#), available through links from pcns.org! Use a QR scanner/reader to open pcns.org via this code.



1259th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



So-Called Dollars and the William H. Warner & Bro. Co. of Philadelphia

Robert A. Jesinger

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 7:30 PM
online

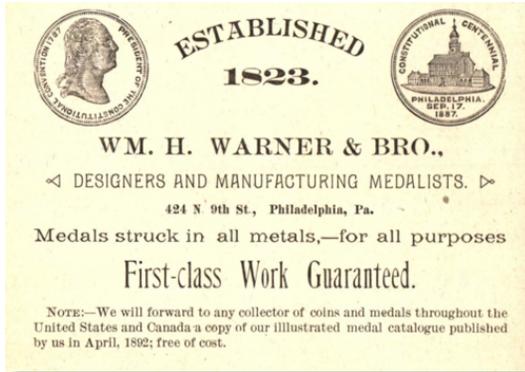
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NO, NOT THOSE WARNER BROTHERS

William H. Warner and his brother Charles K. Warner were proprietors of the Wm. H. Warner & Bro. Co. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the 19th Century.

Join us on **Wednesday, March 24**, as **Robert A. Jesinger** tells us more about these famous 19th Century medalists.

So gather your Warner & Bro. so-called dollars, other Philadelphia exonomia, or your recent acquisitions, photograph them for sharing, and join us online!



Wm. H. Warner & Bro. Advertisement, 1890s

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Ricardo de León Tallavas presented his talk entitled “A Lie in a Medal: Monte de las Cruces.” There were only two historic Mexican medals made depicting local events, and he presented information on one of the most controversial medals of Mexican/Spanish history—for the Battle of Monte de las Cruces in 1810—which depicts a lie. Thanks to a chance find in a 2014 auction, Ricardo obtained a document listing the minting of medals in the early 1800s.

The origin story goes back to Napoleon conquering Spain in 1808, placing his brother Alphonso in charge. Under Alphonso, Spain sent its own Viceroy to govern Mexico. Mexicans did not necessarily accept this and, among other acts of resistance, started minting their own municipal tokens. A growing rebellion army headed to Mexico City and various other towns, guided by Hidalgo. Mexico City sent loyalist troops to Monte de las Cruces to defend the route to the Capital. The insurgency took the hill, after an unthinkable act of one side firing a cannon into troops carrying a white flag to negotiate. Yet after two days, rather than proceed to Mexico City, the insurgents retreated.

It took six days for a military report to get back to Mexico City. The Viceroy’s troops actually lost, but it was to be kept quiet to prevent pandemonium, and the report stated the loyalist troops had won. This is the lie presented in the medal. The city of Vera Cruz (located in a different state than the battle site!) made the medal to raise funds to be given to people who had served in the battle. A lawyer in Mexico City got permission to make the medal. About forty pounds of silver coins were donated by citizens daily for twenty days to fund the medals. The obverse features Ferdinand VII portrayed with the rays of the sun, flanked by the Lion of Spain and a Cherub. The reverse features a battle scene with Venegas standing, and crosses are seen on the hill. There is a Mexico City mint mark.

All the specific details of the origin of the medal, who minted it, who donated to the fund the minting, and the mintage numbers were found in the archive Ricardo was able to obtain at auction. He wrote an article documenting this, published in *The Numismatist* (March, 2019).

You can watch Ricardo’s presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

FEBRUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie: An 1863 Civil War Store Card Token from the Felix Dining Saloon in New York, the only variety of Civil War tokens to have Hebrew writing (the word ‘Kosher’).

Bill: Several So-Called Dollars from the Cotton States Expo. One was quite common, but several others are quite rare.

Dean: \$2 Canadian commemorative coins for the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2, dated 1940-2020. Some of them are tri-colored, and he showed two varieties with a shift in the placement of the color.

Robert: a medal commemorating the return of the Liberty Bell to Philadelphia after being lent to the Cotton States Expo in New Orleans; and 1889 George Washington Centennial Inauguration medal from New York.

Michael: Two 89mm U.S. Mint medals commemorating the Mexican-American War in 1846. One was for Major General Zachary Taylor (later our president) for Victory at the Battle of Buena Vista. The other 89mm medal was for Major General Winfield Scott.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a membership application from **Doug Ward**, of Santa Ana, California. Per PCNS bylaws, Doug will become an Active Member of PCNS at the March 24 meeting.

ZOOMING

Our March meeting will take place online using the Zoom platform. If you’re already familiar with Zoom, then you’re all set. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to you separately.

If you’re new to the Zoom service, you’ll need to do a few things ahead of the meeting. **Don’t wait until the last minute to get set up!** For those of you reading this *Bulletin* in hard copy, a sheet with instructions is enclosed. Otherwise, please check the PCNS website for more information.

WRITE NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2021 Papers Contest is the **April 28** meeting. **Important:** Refer to the publication section of [pcns.org](#) for the contest rules and our copyright policy.