

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021

February 24, 2021Ricardo de León Tallavas, *A Lie in a Medal:
Monte de las Cruces in 1810*

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

April 28, 2021Speaker and Topic TBA*

April 28, 2021Deadline for 2021 Papers Contest Submissions

* 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.



1258th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



A Lie in a Medal: Monte de las Cruces in 1810 *Ricardo de León Tallavas*

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

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MYSTERY FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Last month's presentation took us to Canada, so this month's talk will take us to the warmer climes of México!

The battle of the Monte de las Cruces was an early skirmish in the long Mexican War for Independence. The medal illustrated on the front cover is a commemoration of the victory of the insurgent forces against Spanish troops in 1810.

Join us on **miércoles, 24 febrero**, as **Ricardo de León Tallavas** reveals the secrets behind his tantalizing subtitle, "A Lie in a Medal."



Battle of Monte de Las Cruces

So gather your deceptive medals, untrustworthy tokens, revolutionary so-called dollars, or any recent acquisitions, photograph them for sharing, and join us online!

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

The PCNS membership enthusiastically renewed the honorary memberships of two long-time members who have been of great service to the Society: Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz and Ruth Phillips.

PCNS Member Dean Neald talked about a bread token from the Star Provision Co Ltd. It was a convoluted story of a previously unknown merchant token from Regina, Saskatchewan. Dean had never heard of the company, and the token, slightly larger than a Canadian quarter, was a cheap 'junk box' purchase from a coin dealer. It was not listed in any standard reference of Canadian tokens.

A single line in a 1917 Canadian War Purchasing Commission book noted the Star Provision Company. With a bit more digging, Dean found the 1907 papers whereby Star Groceries was re-incorporated as Star Provisions Company, Ltd (Ltd in the equivalent of LLC in the US, standing for a limited liability corporation). The incorporation papers listed the original owners of Star Groceries augmented by a baker. There were a lot of advertisements from various directories in 1908.

Dean then found paperwork indicating that the Star Provisions Company Ltd dissolved in 1909, becoming the Star Provisions Company as shown in the 1917 book. Star continued in business into the 1940's, when it reverted to the original name Star Groceries.

Dean concluded that the token most likely dates from 1908 while Star was still

'Ltd'. Dean further explained the use of the token for bread, and how the building where the store was located has been preserved as of December 2020.

You can see Dean's presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

JANUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Federico: A silver 1939 Mexican medal from the XXVIII Congreso de Americanistas (Congress of the Americas), which meets every few years in Europe and the Americas.

Michael: A silver 1810-1910 100th Anniversary of Chilean Independence medal, made by Lalique.

Bob: An unlisted So-Called Dollar HK-611a. The HK-611 is the 1887 New Haven CT Soldiers Monument medal. The monument is in the middle of a park and represents several wars (Revolutionary, Civil, etc.). Bob's example has distinct differences on both the obverse and reverse, and a wreath design suggests it was made in Philadelphia.

Erik: A number of Swiss Cantonal and Federal coins, and Swiss proof and mint sets that include a denomination not released into circulation.

Bill: Bakery tokens from Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a membership application from **Donald Kagin**, of Tiburon, California. Per PCNS bylaws, Donald will become an Active Member of PCNS at the February 24 meeting.

ZOOMING

Our February 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.