

# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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## THE KING IS DEAD



On January 30th, 1649, His Majesty King Charles I was beheaded, and England became a republic under Oliver Cromwell. Although condemned by the Commons of England as a "tyrant, traitor, murderer, and enemy of his country;" he was, in the eyes of British Royalists, a martyr; and in the eyes of every Court in Europe, the execution was a horrifying act of sacrilege. While the Tsar of Russia only put the English Envoy out of his Court, France and Holland opened hostilities against an England who had broken divine and natural laws.

With the return of the monarchy, Charles' martyrdom did not go unrecognized, and on April 22nd, 1695, James and Norbertus Roettier advertised a medal in the London Gazette. The obverse of this medal shows a bust of King Charles I facing right, in armour and cloak, which the Numismatic Chronicle of 1841 described as follows:

No little discrimination was exhibited in the design of this medal, the bust of the King is the side-faced portrait, in Vandyck's celebrated picture, forwarded to the sculptor Bernini at Rome, to execute a marble bust; and which has since been rendered to most persons of taste, by the line engraving of William Sharp.

The obverse legend reads: CAROL.D.G.M.B.F.ET.H.REX.&.GLOR.MEM.  
The reverse shows a hand from the clouds holding forth a celestial crown (or "crown of martyrdom") over a landscape and some sheep. The legend reads: VIRTVT(EM) EX.NE.FORTVNAM.EX.ALIJS.

Having been engraved and coined by the Roettiers at the Mint in the Tower of London, the medal was advertised at 5s. copper, 10s. gilded, and 25s. silver. While specimens of the medal are signed with an "R" below the bust, H. A. Grueber notes that the British Museum specimen (in silver) is unsigned.

The LAST MEETING of the N.Y.C.C. was held January 28th. Club nominations for the C.N.A. executive were Fred Jewett for President; Jack Veffer, 1st Vice-President; Robert Aaron, Ontario Director; Max Brail, Central U.S. Director. Robert Aaron mentioned that Series III of the Olympic coins was unveiled at the Royal York Hotel on January 17th, and that sales for all series are well under those estimated. Mr. Aaron then presented Mrs. Louise Graham with a cheque for \$300 to be used in the CNA Building Fund, and a bound copy of the reprinted Royal Canadian Mint reports for the CNA Library. John Dewyze expressed objection to the abandonment of the Winnipeg Mint Commemorative, believing that the collector should have some say in the choice of coin designs which are purely for sales to collectors, possibly through numismatists on R.C.M. boards. At the February meeting, on the suggestion of President Stan Clute, the club will decide on the sending of a resolution concerning the commemorative issue, to the Mint and the government. Ted Merner announced that a set of Numismatic Chronicle (1962-1973 inclusive) is currently for sale at \$110.

Paul Johnson showed a bronze medal from Cambridge University which had been awarded for the Lent Races of the Boating Club. The Lent Races were "bumping races" which were held by the colleges at Cambridge for four days in the week before Easter; and the winners, in addition to the medal, would receive their oars (or pieces of a wrecked boat) painted with the college arms. Mr. R. Strong then showed an eight-reale piece or Spanish milled dollar and told some of the historical background of the coin. Ted Banning passed around a medal of Charles I (see p. 4); and finally, Fred Jewett talked about the security features of the new Canadian notes and explained asterisk replacement notes.

#### COMING EVENTS:

- March 14-16 - Charlton Auctions. Information: 299 Queen Street W., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- March 22 - North York Coin Club Show: 10 AM - 10 PM, N.Y. Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street. Paul Johnson, Display Chairman, ->>> has display applications for 25-30 cases; no category system. Members are asked to bring books and items for the White Elephant!
- April 17-20 - Torex '75: Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto. Displays: cash prizes & gifts from Jaque Cartier & Franklin Mints. Information: 347 Bay Street, Suite 1000, Toronto, M5H 2R7, or John Dewyze.
- April 26-27 - O.N.A. convention: Victorian Motor Inn, Stratford, Ont. Information: Ken Wilmot, Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario.
- July 14-16 - C.N.A. convention: Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta. Calgary Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 633, Calgary, T2P 2J3.
- September 13-14 - C.Y.N. convention: Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Information: Ted Banning, R.R.# 1, Grafton, Ontario, K0K 2G0.

NEW MEMBERS to the club include Alan Blair, David Brown, Stephen Bobkin, and Robert Aaron. Welcome. Applications for membership have been made by James Baigent, Toronto; Russ Jones and Jay Jones, Rexdale; Ken Percy, Willowdale; Mr. & Mrs. R. Brown, Richmond Hill.

The NEXT MEETING, on Tuesday, February 25, 1975, will be the club's 15th ANNIVERSARY meeting, and accordingly, there will be a fried chicken buffet provided at \$1.00 per person!

