

# LVNS JOURNAL

The Las Vegas Numismatic Society

May 2018 Newsletter

## Club Meeting May 12, 2018

# Las Vegas Numismatic Society



### MEET

Felix Silla—Actor & Stuntman  
Saturday



### Learn from the Experts!

John Highfill—Mike Faraone  
Jeff Oxman—Robert Campbell

### FREE SEMINARS

## RARE EXHIBIT

Mormon Pioneer Gold  
And Big  
Carson City Display  
Of  
Coins & Memorabilia

# 180 TABLES

National & Local

Dealers

NEW

CURRENCY  
SECTION

FREE  
SEMINARS  
FREE

PARKING

ANACS & QA  
Accepting On-Site  
Nevada Civil War  
History Association

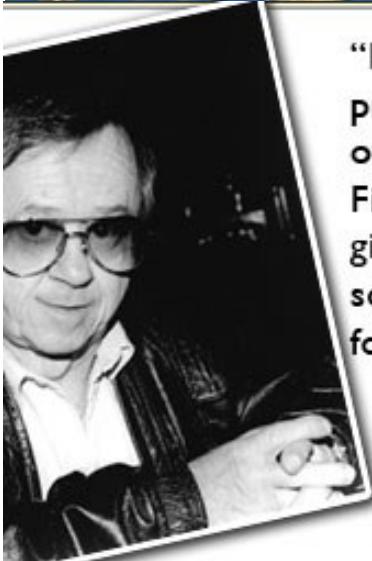
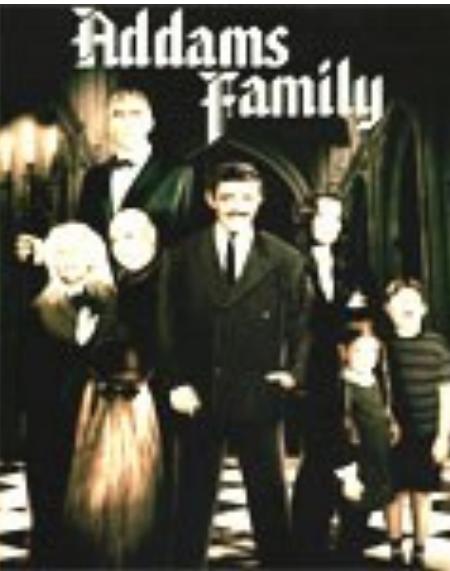
# Free Gifts!

Westgate Resort & Casino

3000 Paradise Rd.

Hours: Thu—Fri —10—6  
Sat ——— 10-5

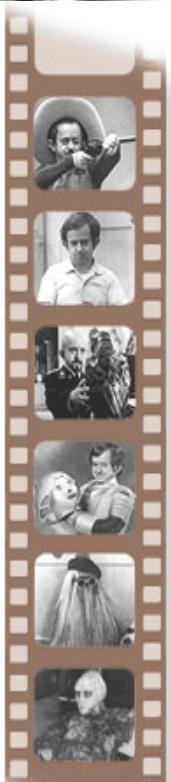
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"Hi, this is Felix Silla! I am proud to have entertained over 3 generations of T.V. and Film viewers, and hope I have given you a few laughs...and screams! :-) Enjoy and Thanks for Visiting!"



Felix was born in a small village outside Rome, Italy. He trained as a circus performer, came to the United States in 1955, and toured with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. His multiple talents as a bareback rider, trapeze artist and tumbler brought him to Hollywood, where he became a stuntman, starting with the Gig Young-Shirley Jones vehicle, *A Ticklish Affair*. A man of many faces and talents, Felix created many now iconic roles, such as Litvak, the maniacal, miniature Hitler who menaces George Segal in *"The Black Bird"* (his favorite performance), both a 'child gorilla' and stunt-ape for the original *Planet of the Apes* and *Beneath the Planet of the Apes* films, the adorable "Wunka" the flying Ewok and Cousin Itt on the TV show, *The Addams Family*. He was also responsible for the performance of the robot Twiki in the TV series *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. In part due to his short stature of 1.19 m (3 ft 11 in), he has often doubled for children in such movies as *The Towering Inferno*, *The Hindenburg*, and *Battlestar Galactica*. Between movies, he frequently appeared in Las Vegas and Reno night clubs with his own musical combo, "The Original Harmonica Band".



Felix's most famous role is of course "Cousin Itt" from the original television series "*The Addams Family*". His performance of the character made him so popular that Cousin Itt was carried over into various media including both the animated series and the motion picture versions of *The Addams Family*. He also provided the voice of Mortimer Goth from *The Sims 2*, the best-selling video game of 2005.

Come and meet Felix in person on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Coin Show!!

**Volunteers needed to help at the LVNS May Coin Show.**

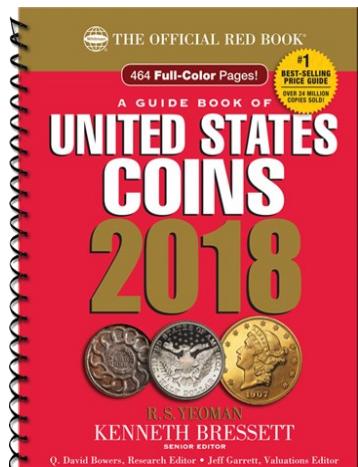


**Sign up at the May Club Meeting.**



**This is our club show Thur.-Sat.**

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**2019 Red Books are here.**

**Buy them at the May meeting**

**Spiral Size: \$10.00 member price**

**Large Print: \$20.00 member price**

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## **Proposal on Constitution Change 2nd Notice**

At the LVNS Board Meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2018, after a heated discussion, a proposal was made to amend section 3, article 5 of the LVNS Constitution regarding initiation & dues, which states "dues will be considered in arrears after the April club meeting." Over the last few years it seems like it is getting harder and harder to get the membership to pay their dues on time. There is no better bargain in Las Vegas than membership in the LVNS. It is not right that a certain few should benefit at the expense of others. Therefore, a motion was made by the board members to change the due date to be at the end of the March Club Meeting. Three months seems like a reasonable amount of time for the membership to pay their dues. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. Therefore this notice, as published in this newsletter, will serve as the second notice of this Constitution Amendment. This proposal change will also be read to the membership at the next meeting, followed by general membership vote. If approved, these changes will become effective starting in 2019.      Thank you!



# LVNS Youth Program

## Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion The U.S. "3 Cent Silvers"

1. Who designed the silver 3 cent piece?  
Which of the three types did he design?
  
2. What were the changes made to the type II and type III coins?  
Why were those changes made?
  
3. What are some other names for the 3 cent silvers?  
Why is it called a "fish scale"?
  
4. Which U.S. coin is the smallest in size?  
Hint: it's not the "trime"!
  
5. Which mint, other than Philadelphia minted "trimes"?  
Which years?
  
6. Which year is the highest mintage; therefore most easily obtained?
  
7. What changes were made in the "changeover" between 1853 and 1854?  
Which other denomination was affected?
  
8. Why was the mintage greatly reduced after 1862?
  
9. Which two years are recognized as "overdates"?  
What is significantly different about these two years?
  
10. Why were only PROOF coins minted the final year; which year was it?

# The Price of Silver Guessing Game



The prize will  
be a 5 ounce  
.999 silver  
round.



**The objective:** to guess what the CLOSING PRICE OF SILVER WILL BE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018.

Based on Kitco's New York Closing price.

**How to play:** Each month, thru the Nov. meeting, when members sign in, they can enter one (1) guess. Please use U.S. dollars and cents. All the entries will be kept secret and filed until the closing date. At the Banquet, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, the winner with the closest actual price, high or low, will be announced. In case of a tie, a single winner will be drawn from the qualifying entries.

# AUCTION



**LVNS Auction**

**New Terms:**

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

- Auction Limited to 75 Lots.
- Consignments of up to 5 lots per member in good standing will be accepted.
- \$5 listing fee per item will be charged, even on unsold lots.
- Commission will be charged according to the old schedule or the \$5 fee, whichever is greater.
- Reservations required to consign. More details coming soon.
- Please see or contact Joe (702) 860-6032.

# Will we become a cashless society?



In a recent article which appeared in the Chicago Tribune, it was suggested that we are heading into a cashless society. Americans today have been reaching more and more for their credit and debit cards than using good old cash.

Several nations such as Sweden, Netherlands, and Singapore have become cash-averse nations, where only 1 in 5 payments are made with cash. A recent study conducted by the Federal Reserve bank of Boston reported that non-cash payments have been on a slow but steady rise. Today's mobile phones and apps are making it more and more easy to avoid having cash.



Another problem is the rising physical costs of minting, printing and storing cash and coins. Digital transactions are clean, simple and

accurate. That doesn't mean they are not susceptible to crime, but great strides are being made to discourage the criminals. Will the cashless trend lead to the final demise of our hobby, numismatics, or will it create new possibilities? How would we give spare change to street beggars? And to top it all, how will we put that birthday or holiday cash in greeting cards? Dear Mr. Washington, Lincoln and Franklin, please don't leave us! I for one will miss YOU!



# Thank You



To Bob Gigante, Eddie Smith, Florence & Jim Shands,

for helping at the grill. Thanks to Kalman Steinberg for doing a good job calling the raffle drawing and to everyone else who helped out at the recent picnic or brought delicious side dishes and desserts. Thank You!!! A little wind and some lost souls couldn't stop us from having a great day! Overall the facility at Mountain Crest Park worked out very well and I think we'll be back again next year. Hey, pass the mustard...

Joe Cavallaro

## Why Was a Tiny Eagle Included on the Franklin Half Dollar?

It was an afterthought, one that was required to make the coin legal. Chief Mint Engraver John R. Sinnock prepared the designs for the Franklin half-dollar in the mid-1940s. His reverse design, being an adaptation of the reverse of the Sesquicentennial of American Independence commemorative half-dollar he had executed in 1926 (modeled after a sketch by John Frederick Lewis), did not include an eagle.

Sinnock passed away before the tooling workup for minting the Franklin half-dollar was prepared. After his death, Mint officials had second thoughts about the wisdom of ignoring a provision of the Law of 1873, proscribing that the figure of an eagle appear on the reverse of all silver coins above the denomination of 10 cents, a requirement that as been embodied in every primary coinage law enacted since 1792.



LVNS Club Meetings are currently held at the University United Methodist Church at 4412 South Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV. directly across from UNLV on the second Saturday of each month. Bourse, YN Round Table & socializing start at 2:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 3 p.m.

Free parking (use the rear lot) & free admission.

Newsletter editor & advertising call Jim Shands (702) 452-3498.

Joe Cavallaro, President (702) 860-6032.

Expanded Bourse, Come early!

***Educating and serving our members and the community.***

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**Announcing a NEW LVNS Event**

**Coming this August 25th....**



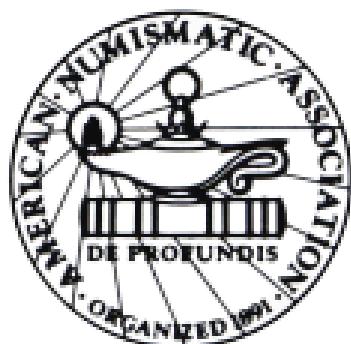
**A Luau Party to be held at UUMC**

**More information Coming**

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# **Attention:**

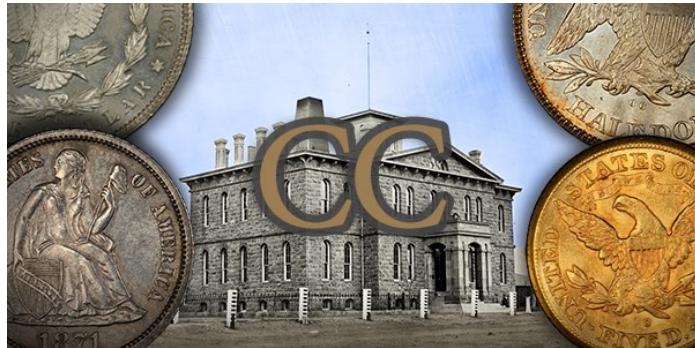
If you are an ANA member can you please give your name & ANA membership number to Ed Smith at the next meeting. It is time for the LVNS to pay its dues. We can get a discount base upon how many club members are also ANA members.



**Thanks for your help!**



**Spectacular May Coin Show  
Raffle Prizes of Gold & Silver  
Tickets on sale at next meeting**



Come see the fabulous display of Carson City Coins & Memorabilia on display at the LVNS Coin Show May 17-19 at the Westgate Resort & Casino

**Happy Mother's Day**



**Free Mother's Day Candy  
at this meeting**

The cover features several sections: "Top Grade Bullion Ring Opportunities" with a gold coin image; "Democracy Prices" with a \$5 coin image; "Collector's Price Guide" with a CPG logo; and a large central section titled "1793 US COPPER HISTORIC, RARE & VALUABLE" with a large copper coin image. The overall theme is historical U.S. coinage.

A Limited number of copies of the brand new CPG Coin & Currency Market Review will be available to members at the May Coin Show. They have been generously donated by Chip & Cindy Wukitsch

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July 18

## Up Coming Events: Mark your calendar

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| May 12, 2018 | LVNS Club Meeting       |
| May 17-19    | LVNS Gigantic Coin Show |
| June 9       | LVNS Club Meeting       |
| July 14      | LVNS Club Meeting       |
| August 11    | LVNS Club Meeting       |
| Sept. 8      | LVNS Club Meeting       |

\*\*Dates and events subject to change.\*\*

## Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin 55th Coin Show

**May 17-19**

## SIERRA SERVICES

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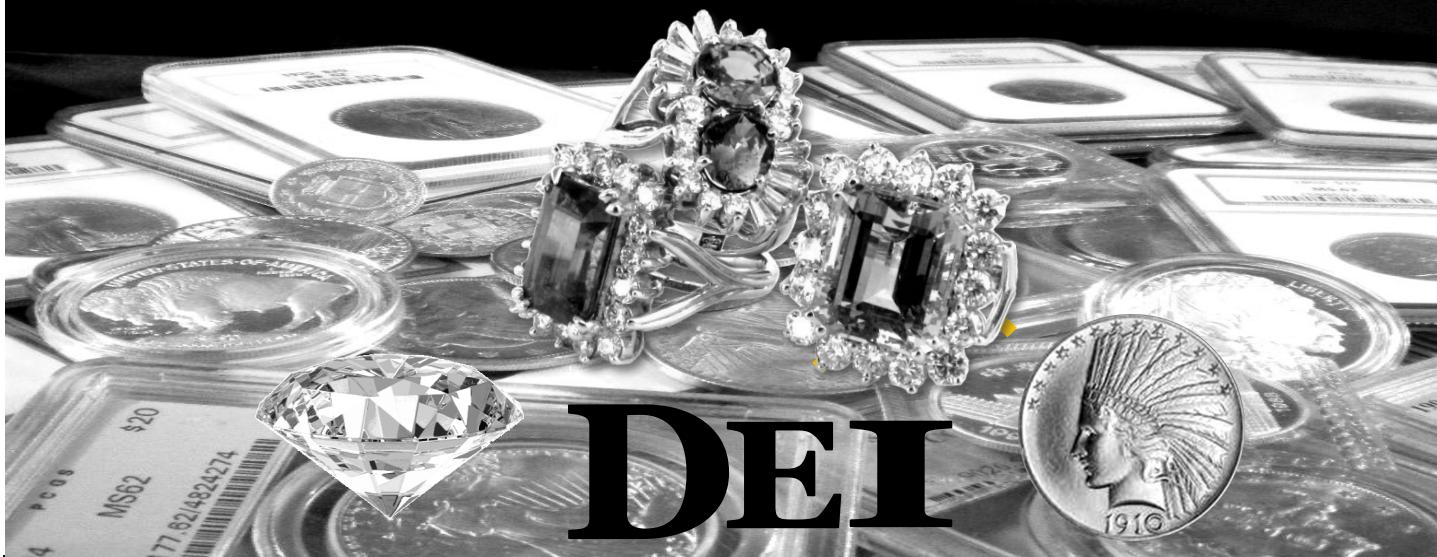
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