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## A Word from your Editor.

Here it is September 25th and time to write another bulletin. I have a small complaint to make and would like to find out if anyone else has the same problem.

I've just received my copy of the September bulletin to-day on Sept. 25th, which makes it very late as it was mailed on Sept. 9th. Do we have a mail problem? Are they all received around this time? Are some members not receiving them at all? It would be interesting to find out. Could you drop me a line and let me know?

I would be very happy to be able to tell you how many letters I received this month, but because of the late mail delivery we will wait till next month. I did however receive a few and I would like to share part of one with you.

Dear Gerry :

I would like to congratulate you on your task of writing the September O.N.A. bulletin. I have always enjoyed reading the bulletins, although I do not always get through them. However ! I have read your bulletin throughout and enjoyed every page of it. May all your readers be as pleased with your future bulletins as I am and may each each one of them meet your own standards.

I caught your hint about the 3 typewriters. I found the type setting from page 70 easiest to read. The type setting on page 74 was a little too small but I like it better than the first page.

In closing, I offer you all the best in your future bulletins.

Sincerely Yours,

Bruce Petch, President,  
Mississauga Coin Club,  
O.N.A. Director Area 4.

Many thanks for your nice comments Bruce, but I also enjoyed what you wrote about the typewriter. This is constructive and it's what I'm Looking for. As you will note most of the bulletin this time will be with onetypewriter.

Presenting : I would like to ask the Executive of the O.N.A. to send me a small or short history of themselves and I will rewrite it for this portion of the bulletin. As none came in this month we'll see what happens next.

A New Twist

It seems to me that there is a broken typewriter around these parts of the country with one letter that doesn't work properly. It doesn't seem important when you consider that there are forty seven keys that function well enough, but you will notice that just one key makes all the difference.

Well, we have a great deal to do in the next little while with membership month in November and the letters you are going to write to the editor who needs your help. So the next time you find that you are not needed, remember this typewriter and say to yourself.

"I am a key member and I am needed very much."

GET YOUR EDITOR "ONE NEW MEMBER MONTH"

I would like to repeat myself and proclaim the MONTH OF NOVEMBER as a Membership Development Month. During the next 2 months I hope that every member of the O.N.A. will seriously consider sponsoring a new member, as it is only through our individual effort that numismatics in general, and our own Clubs in Particular, can progress. As a bonus all new members will receive membership for 14 months, to Dec. 31st, 1976. Also there will be a Special Editors Recognition Award to the member who sponsors the most New Members. The Judge will be the membership Chairman and I will abide by his decision.

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THE ROYAL MAUNDY MONEY  
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by Wm. N. Clarke, F.R.N.S.

"A new commandment I give unto you" were the first words spoken at the Royal Maundy Ceremony held this year on Maundy Thursday, March 27th.

As the season of Lent closes and Good Friday approaches, the British as well as other Christian peoples are reminded of the humility and self-sacrifice of Christ when he washed the feet of the disciples at the last supper, as recorded in the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 13.

The Maundy Ceremony dates from the 5th century and gradually became more and more elaborate until it included gifts of food and clothing as well as money.

St. Oswald, Archbishop of York observed the Maundy custom by feeding twelve poor men every day from 972 until his death during a Maundy ceremony in 992. Aelfric, Archbishop of Canterbury from 996 to 1005 instructed his priests to observe the Maundy custom once a week.

The Norman kings of England observed a form of Maundy as did the Plantagenets. The first Maundy ceremony was possibly held during the reign of King John in 1213 or 1214, although the first recorded ceremony took place during the reign of King Edward II, 1307-1327, who ministered to 50 of his poorest subjects.

During the period circa 1370 to 1485 the custom was observed on very few occasions. At this time the administration of the many Royal Charities was in charge of a Lord High Almoner.

As the Maundy service developed, gifts of provisions, cloth or clothing and money were gradually added to the simple ceremony of washing the feet. It was during the reign of King Henry IV that the custom relating the size of the cash gift to the age of the sovereign began.

Henry VII revived the ceremony in 1486 and they were held amidst great pomp and splendour, especially during the reign of Henry VIII.

By late Tudor times the Maundy ceremony was becoming a more organized ritual. During the ceremony of 1556, Queen Mary I washed the feet of 41 poor men and women and chose a recipient of the Royal gown. Later, 82 purses, each containing 41 silver pennies "According to the number of her years" were distributed.

On Maundy Thursday, March 19th 1572, Elizabeth I washed the feet of 39 poor persons and in order to retain her bejewelled gown gave redemption money in lieu of the rich garment. The ceremony of 1572 is well recorded. The feet of each recipient were first washed by the royal laundress, then the Sub-Almoner, the Lord High Almoner and finally by the queen herself - bearing a fragrant nose-gay. A red purse containing 20 shillings was given in lieu of clothing, a green purse containing 2/5 - was given in place of cloth and a white purse containing 39 silver pennies - as the queen's age - was given as the actual Maundy money.

Later rulers dropped the washing ceremony, although it was revived briefly during the reigns of Charles II and James II, the last Stuart rulers. William III gave the task completely to his Lord High Almoner and in 1754, during the reign of George II, the ceremony as such was discontinued.

The Hanoverian kings, notably George II and George III, distributed provisions of boiled beef, shoulders of mutton, bowls of ale

to drink to the king's health and platters of loaves and fishes, as well as shoes, stockings, linen and wollen cloth. In 1837 an additional 30/ was given in place of food and no more clothing was distributed after 1881.

When William III turned the organization of the Maundy ceremony over to his Lord High Almoners in the 1650's he also did not attend further ceremonies. This lack of Royal participation continued until 1932 when King George V performed the distribution. Since that time royal participation has continued on a regular basis.

The present day Maundy ceremony contains all the tradition and pageantry of the ages. The ceremony starts with the Procession of the Royal Almonry, which includes such persons as the Verger, the Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, the Yeoman, the Wandsman, the Clergy, Sergeant of the Vestry of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, the Queen's bodyguard, Sub-Sacrist and Sub-Almoner. After the opening hymn, a prayer and the Lord's prayer, followed by the Gloria Patria and Psalm 91, the first distribution takes place.

Green purses are given to the women and white purses to the men in lieu of clothing. Following the reading of the scriptures, the second distribution takes place. This time the red purses containing £1 as part of the maundy and £1/50 pence as allowances for other provisions formerly given are distributed. Finally, the white purses containing as many pence "according to the number of the queen's years" are given. This amount is made up of 1, 2, 3, and 4 pence silver pieces and represents the balance of the Maundy.

The ceremony closes with the singing of an anthem, a prayer for the Queen, general thanksgiving, hymn, benediction and the National Anthem.

The first actual Maundy coins were struck during the reign of Charles II, just after the restoration in 1660. These coins were undated. The first dated issue coins were struck in 1670 and were of 4, 3, 2, and 1 penny denominations. The first undated coins have the value in Roman numerals behind the king's head. The dated issue is designed so that the value is shown in the linking of the "C"s on the reverse: four "C"s being four pence, three "C"s three pence, etc.

The James II Maundy coins have the value in large Roman numerals on the reverse. Since that time, however, the value has always been shown in Arabic numerals.

Until 1729 the silver penny was the only denomination given in the ceremony; however, since 1729 the silver denominations from 4d to penny were no longer struck for circulation, but only as Maundy coins.

The Maundy coinage of Victoria and Edward VII are more common than others as it was the practice of the Mint to issue more sets than necessary. These sets were sold through the banks. In 1909 Edward VII put restrictions on the amount of Maundy coins that were to be struck. (See Note 3).

The Maundy coins are the last official coins of the monarch. They are 925/1000 fine silver and are legal tender. (See Note 2).

Since 1822 Maundy coins have been issued every year. In 1831 and 1838, coronation sets were struck in gold for William IV and Queen Victoria. These were not officially issued.

From 1650 to 1890, the Maundy Ceremony took place in Chapel Royal at Whitehall. From 1891 to 1952 the ceremony took place in Westminster Abbey. Since that time, Queen Elizabeth II has distributed her Maundy from several Abbeys and Cathedrals throughout England.

- 1953 St. Paul's Cathedral  
 1954 Westminster Abbey  
 1955 Southwark Cathedral - to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of  
 the Diocese of Southwark
- 1956 Westminster Abbey  
 1957 St. Albans Cathedral  
 1958 Westminster Abbey  
 1959 St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle  
 1960 Westminster Abbey  
 1961 Rochester Cathedral  
 1962 Westminster Abbey  
 1963 Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and  
 St. Cedd, Chelmsford.
- 1964 Westminster Abbey  
 1965 Canterbury Cathedral  
 1966 Westminster Abbey  
 1967 Durham Cathedral  
 1968 Westminster Abbey  
 1969 Selby Abbey, to celebrate the 9th Centenary of Selby Abbey  
 1970 Westminster Abbey  
 1971 Tewkesbury Abbey  
 1972 York Minster  
 1973 Westminster Abbey  
 1974 Salisbury Cathedral  
 1975 St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

In 1952 Queen Elizabeth II distributed the Maundy coinage with the portrait of her late father, King George VI. Her Majesty has continued to distribute her own coinage with but three exceptions - 1954 by the Lord High Almoner ; 1960, by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother ; 1964, by the late Princess Royal.

With decimalization, all Maundy coins from 1816 have been declared legal tender for 1, 2, 3, and 4 pence respectively.

And so, on Maundy Thursday, March 27th, 1975 in the 12th Century Cathedral of St. Peter's, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II distributed her Maundy to 49 men and 49 women in a ceremony steeped in tradition. These words spoken some two thousand years ago still live amongst Christian men and in the significance of these small coins which can be appreciated by both the recipients and the collectors of today.

#### Notes

1. During the reign of George III, Spanish 8 real pieces were countermarked with the head of George III taken from the maundy die for the penny denomination and passed for 4 shillings, 9 pence.

2. In 1946 Great Britain ceased issuing silver coins for circulation. However, a decision was reached whereby the Maundy coins would continue to be struck in silver. The following section of the 77th Annual Report of the Royal Mint (1946) outlines this decision.

"The use of silver in English coinage, which has been continuous since the 7th century, is not, however, to disappear entirely, the decision, welcome to scholars and aesthetes, having been taken to resume the use of the sterling standard in Maundy Money, the silver penny, twopence, threepence, and fourpence. Of these coins, the silver penny was instituted about AD 760 and gave its later name of the sterling to our

whole currency system. The fourpence was added in 1279, the twopence in 1351 and the threepence in 1551. All were struck in sterling silver (silver of 925 millesimal fineness) with one brief interruption on Henry VIII's debasement of all coinage, until the general change of 1920, in which these small coins were included with the rest.

The Act of 1946 thus restores to their ancient standard all those silver coins which antedate the discovery of argentiferous America with the addition of the threepence when struck for use in the Maundy Service, while all those introduced after that date, including the threepence, if required for circulation, are converted to cupro-nickel."

3. Following the instructions of Edward VII in 1909, restrictions were put on the numbers of Maundy Coins struck. These restrictions have been carried on by his successors and are enforced today.

The largest single mintage is of the penny of 1891 - 21,743. The lowest mintage is the 1819 fourpence - only 792. In more recent times, the set issued in 1968 (as listed below) has the lowest mintage.

Year	Fourpence	Threepence	Twopence	Penny
1908	9,929	8,760	14,815	18,150
1909	2,428	1,983	2,695	2,948
1968	964	964	1,048	964
1972	1,118	1,026	1,118	1,026

(With my thanks and appreciation to the London Numismatic Society and to Wm. N. Clarke, F.R.N.S. for the most interesting article.)

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### Proposed Coin Shows

The following are the annual Coin Shows proposed for the near future, that we have received notices for and/or taken from club bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate on the date of your own Club's annual show to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other Shows.

- Oct. 9-12- Torex - O.N.A. 1975 Fall Convention to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Building, C.N.E. Grounds, Toronto. Exhibits... R. Ford, P.O. Box 717, Stayner, Ont., Bourse... write to Torex - 75, Suite 1000, 347 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario.
- Oct. 25th- St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet to be held in Westminster Church Parish Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. All information reference bourse, displays etc, from President Stan Baroe, 7 Rivercrest Dr., St. Catharines.
- Oct. 26th- Hamilton Coin Club annual Show and Banquet to be held in the I.O.O.F. Fellowship Hall, Wellington St. North, Hamilton, Ontario, from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (12 dealers, and the Auction at 4.00 p.m.)

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- Oct 26th- Tillsonburg Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet to be held at the Orange Hall from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m. For information re bourse, Exhibits, etc., contact Mrs. C. McArthur, 11 Wolf St., Tillsonburg, Ontario.
- Nov. 1st- Thistletown Coin & Stamp Show, Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Irwin Ave., Rexdale, 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
- Nov. 1st- Please Note: It is with regret that the London Numismatic Society has found it necessary to cancel its Show
- Nov 2nd- Stratford Coin Club Annual Show and Auction to be held at the Stratford Royal Canadian Legion, St. Patrick St., at Church St., Stratford, Ontario.  
Please Note : The above is a Change of Date now confirmed.
- Nov. 2nd- Windsor Coin Club Annual Coin Show - Holiday Inn, 480 Riverside Dr. West, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Nov. 8th- Oshawa & District Coin Club Annual Show, Mid Town Mall, 200 John St., Oshawa.
- Nov 20-23 Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (C.A.N.D.) Fall Show, Hotel Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.
- Feb 28/76 North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St. Toronto, Ontario.
- Mar. 20-21 Niagara Falls Coin Club 2-day Coin Show, to be held at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Charlton Numismatics will conduct the Auction with Bob Shillingworth as Auctioneer. Enquiries to Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Rd. Niagara Falls, Ont. Bourses to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave. St. Catharines.
- May 15-16 The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1976, will be held at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, Toronto, Ont. The North York Coin Club will be the Host Club. People interested in submitting tenders for the Auction, should submit them no later than Dec. 1st, 1975, to W.E.P. Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7 The guest speaker will be the well known numismatist Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Bank of Canada, Numismatic Section Ottawa, Ontario.

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New Members

Applications published in the June 1975 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist

958 Jeffrey M. Jacobs, 20 Aldburn Road, Toronto, Ontario. M6C 3K3.

News from around the Coin Clubs

This part of the bulletin is very important to me, but I am trying to come up with a New Format that will be a little more interesting to read and report. I have had some comments that it's all the same repetition, so I would certainly appreciate some help in deciding what new format to use. So if you bear with me I hope to have this feature in Next Month's Issue.

Visitation's

Some of the results of Club Visitations can be mutually beneficial. By sitting down in good fellowship with the officers and members of other clubs, there is an exchange of experience and information which helps both Clubs.

If one of the Clubs has a problem, the other Club may already have had that problem and can offer a solution, in a new and interesting way. A single visit could provide a solution.

Also a Club can go along, meeting after meeting, having the same programs and procedures; another club in another area may have developed a new program style which is more interesting to the members and results in better attendance. A friendly visit to another club will give us new program ideas. Try it, and let us know what you think about it.

AUCTION TENDERS INVITED

TO ALL INTERESTED AUCTIONEERS, professional and amateur, the executive of the O.N.A. are inviting you to tender for the 1976 Convention Auction, which is to be held May 15 and 16 in Toronto, at the Don Valley Holiday Inn. The North York Coin Club will host this Convention.

The Auction will be one session, on Saturday May 15th from 1.00 p.m. until no later than 6.00 p.m. with a maximum of 600 lots. The deadline date for bids is December 1st, 1975.

Submit tenders to W.E.P. Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 6T7.

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We have a member of the O.N.A. Executive who is a very light sleeper. He wakes up at the crack of ice. I wonder who it is ?  
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Tongue in Cheek

I have been asked "How did you become a Volunteer Pro-Tem Bulletin Editor"

Well a few years ago, I got into the habit of attending most of the O.N.A. general meetings and annual meetings and helping the executive with all sorts of advice, comments and all about how to do this and that and so on.

So they got the feeling that they were pretty selfish getting the benefit of all this free advice. So they wanted to know if I could write about it, and in the meantime they would go ahead with their jobs and not take up a lot of my time.

Which just goes to show you that real good friends can be mighty thoughtful of a fellow member...

From the lighter side of Ye Ed.

This 'N That

This month's bulletin may look a little different to you and it may not, but I am trying different items and ideas and I would like some ideas from you the members.

It was also done in quite a hurry as I've just been informed that my wife and I must leave for Europe on Tuesday by the Company that I work for. So this last page will be a little of everything.

I see where Canada's 1976 dated Silver one dollar coin will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Library of Parliament in Ottawa with the Gothic round shaped edifice featured on the reverse. The obverse will be the same as other years, I understand.

I also noticed that the Royal Canadian Mint is losing very little time in preparing for the striking of the \$100 gold coins scheduled to be issued in both Proof and in Uncirculated condition. The Proof Coin is to be struck in 22-Karat gold (.9167 fine) and measuring one inch in diameter. It will weigh 16.9655 grams. The coin will contain a frosty relief. The Uncirculated coin will have the same design as the Proof Coin but will be struck in 14-Karat gold (.5833 fine). It will measure 1.1 inches in diameter and it will weigh 13.3375 grams. It is hoped that these gold coins will be available by March or April of 1976.

Also noticed that the distribution of the Kennedy half-dollars was discontinued about a month ago. In its place the U.S. Mint released a new bicentennial 50-cent piece which is scheduled to be produced until January 1st, 1977. The new issue shows the Independence Hall on the reverse with the double dates 1776-1976. The image of President Kennedy is retained on the obverse.

See where Paramount Numismatics will be selling the only Official Soviet Union Apollo-Soyuz Commemorative Gold Medal commemorating the first Soviet-American manned space mission; the medal will be 32mm and will contain one troy ounce of Pure Gold, and will sell for \$395.00.

Well this pretty well wraps up another issue of the Ontario Numismatist. I hope to bring back some news of what is happening in Europe and I will pass it on to you in the next issue, providing that I run across something interesting.

In the meantime I have asked for some information so if any of you can help me, please write me a short note to the following address.....

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