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The Bridges of London



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Plus: Earl Howe – Part II

Updates on James Conder *and* Larcon Lambe

Groll interview *and* Notes from the 2018 Token Congress

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New Members

A warm welcome to our newest member:

616 John Trend Northamptonshire U.K.

Note about memberships and getting the Journal:

Because of the delay in publishing journals (the current issue is #77), those of you subscribed through Journal #78 will now show a 3rd Q 2019 expiration date on your label, and you do not need to renew your CTCC membership at this time. Any earlier date than this should renew NOW. Please CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL! I will also ask our mailing chairman to include a renewal letter with this mailing.

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CONDER TOKEN COLLECTOR'S CLUB---President's Message

3/27/19

Hello to one and all. I was sorry to hear that no one stepped up to be the President of the CTCC--I have to say the job is really not difficult, but with the physical (affecting mental) problems I have had, I have put in my resignation as your President. Due to health, I did not make it to the UK last year, shall try to get there this year but it will possibly be my last attempt. It has been a great run since the club's inception in 1996, and following Dr. Richard Doty into the presidency was a thrill I did not expect. The CTCC deserves a younger, healthier, sharper fellow to lead it on. YOU, POSSIBLY?

Lets get realistic---the club has diminished a great deal, mostly because the older members passed on, the club at last look was only 150 folks. As it stands, the 4 issues a year of the club Journal simply cannot be done. This time around, there was enough material for this journal, but input from the members is at a standstill, just as was a call to run for President. We get a few new members each year---but lose far more than we gain. We need a new leader with good ideas to give the members something for their money besides the Journal. We used to issue fantastic medals each year, but with the decline in membership, we cannot afford to make the dies. Jon Lusk, Vice President and editor of the Journal, tells me that without input, the next journal will be well down the road. One a year, perhaps. As the Journal is member driven as well as member read, we need everyone to contribute and do so on a continuing basis.

We need to reprint some earlier stories, borrow from other journals, and get some enthusiasm, --- and regretfully with my health condition I have lost a bit of the latter. So PLEASE, won't someone step up to take the reins of this great club, it deserves to live.

As said, it is not a difficult job, if you have all contacts as I do nothing tossed your way cannot be handled, and most is really easy to do. I will be happy to stay on as the person who accepts club payments in Sterling, and pass it on to the membership head, am sure Alan Judd will handle them on his end. I will also be around to help a new president sort things out.

There is a new Spink Catalogue, which lists Part One of the Dr. Erik Miller Crown Collection. No, no Conders, but interesting anyway. Miller began the collection over 50 years ago, and I shall pass on to you a few of the prices he paid, as they are listed!! Also the price they are asking,. Now, I am not going to pretend that if you save a Conder for 50 years it will perform like this, but the difference in purchase price and asking price is considerable ----examples, an Edward VI crown, bit of strike softness, bought in 1962 for 55 pounds, up for sale for 3000-4000 pounds. An Elizabeth I crown, paid 175 Pounds 1963, estimate 3000-4000 pounds. Most of these pieces are called GVF, very close to EF, which in British parlance can be UNC. Another, a Charles I, crown, bought at 50 pounds, estimated today at 4000-5000 pounds. To see more of these, it is in the March 26 auction at Spinks London. Catalogue on line.

You may never find this sort of money in a token auction, but then again, you might!! Most interesting to see what these have appreciated in 50 years. Well, happy collecting, follow your own trail to what you want, all the best--- Bill McKivor.

