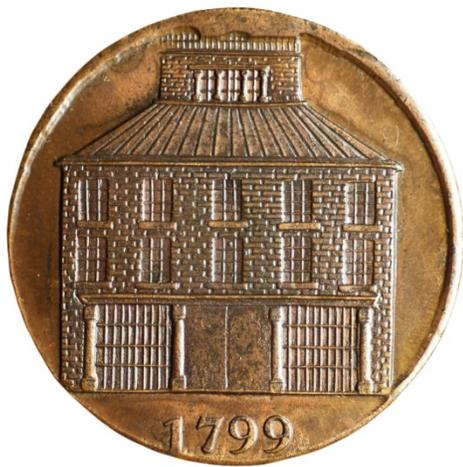


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It’s election time!

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590	Mr. James Almond	Overton, TX
591	Mr. Peter Gargett	Leeds, England

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WINTER 2014

Dear Fellow Conder Token Lovers---

As I write this, we are heading for the Christmas and New Year holiday season, so my first order of things is to wish all of you a super Holiday all the way around. We do have a lot of things to consider, but one looms over all.

Our membership has not gained at all over the last year or two, and though we do get some new members, we are losing an equal number of the old ones due to age. It is getting to be very difficult to get even three Journals done, in fact for 2014, we now have only two.

It is not lack of funds, we settled that last time. We can get three done for the funds we collect. Our problem is simple---we are not getting enough articles on 18<sup>th</sup> Century tokens to put into the Journal.

Our editor, Jon Lusk, was pulling his hair out over this a couple months ago, but I told him what is, is, and that we cannot change that. I told him that when the next issue is ready, to let me know, and if we only had two this year we will go to the membership and ask them just what to do. I truly thought that when we went from four to three, it would be OK, but we still do not

have the articles to produce a good journal. And, I am unwilling to let a skinny little journal pass as one of the three.

In the UK, they send out 8 smaller, not so fancy, mailings to their subscribers per year. It is nearly all member driven, little articles on tokens and research that they are doing or have done, and it all gets put in a nice little package. The members provide most of the content. It is a token journal, but there is very seldom any 18<sup>th</sup> Century token news in it. They concentrate on 17<sup>th</sup> C and all the minors and local tokens, but the 18<sup>th</sup> C is not a priority. They manage to get enough news in to their Journal editor to put out the eight issues a year. We are the 18<sup>th</sup> C keepers of the seal, but have not enough in the way of input to keep it going. We are lucky if we get a single article, some times.

Thus, will ask the members to contact me with any and all of the following:

Ideas on what to do to make this work,-----and would you be willing to do any of it?

Articles for the journal, or a promise to do one soon (We do have a couple of the latter)

Should we change to a smaller format and do, say, four a year again? Or some other idea?

Keep the current size---even out the dues so that we can

GO TO TWO ISSUES A YEAR BUT GIVE EVERYONE COLOR?

This year we have had trouble getting enough for the two we shall have. It is your club, and a club, not a business, everyone is busy, everyone has little time, but we must make time for this or lose it.

Contact me---Bill McKivor (1-206-244-8345) copperman@thecoppercorner.com and let me know what you think. The club needs help to survive, in other words, it needs YOU.

Not really doom and gloom, we have the funds, enough at least, but need to get the membership stirred up with some great stories. Everyone ought to have an idea, send it in, and please volunteer to help fill the pages. I will admit to not having been the world's best leader, and when we lost some of the most enthusiastic members, such as Dr. Richard Doty, things have not been the same,

Help us right the ship. It is our club, and up to all of us to care. Talk to me.

All the best,

Bill McKivor CTCC #3.

