

LKNS STUDENT MEMBER INFORMATION

WELCOME to the LEGACY KNIGHTS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY!

LKNS is a fun club for students, parents, and volunteers who enjoy NUMISMATICS. That is a fancy word for the study and collection of COINS, CURRENCY, TOKENS, and MEDALS.

“Why do we collect this stuff?”

One reason is it’s just plain fun! Many people enjoy putting together a collection of things they like. Coins, currency, tokens, and medals have been made and used around the world for centuries. Collecting and studying them is like being a world-famous adventurer, looking for clues to lost civilizations or even treasure! Where and when was it made, and by whom? Who else might have held it or used it? There’s a story behind every one! Another reason is that some of these things are rare and valuable! Which ones are? How much are they worth? What makes them so? Learn how to find the answers, and learn how to spot treasure hidden in plain sight! Numismatics is called “the hobby of kings, and the king of hobbies” for good reason; find out why!

“Why join a club to do this?”

Our Numismatic Society helps students learn valuable things all collectors should know about numismatics so that they know what they are doing and can have more fun! As a club, we can learn new things from each other more quickly; we can invite experts who often bring parts of their own collections to show as they tell us about them; and we can do fun group activities; none of which we could do on our own. We can also make friends with other people who like the same stuff we do!

“What are some things LKNS does?”

We hold meetings after school every month, where we can trade coins and currency with other members. We get to see examples of old, rare, or valuable items that guest speakers bring! Sometimes our guest speakers teach us how to do fun things like metal-detect or mint coins! We learn how to identify coins and currency and see how much they are worth! We have drawings for free items! Some years we take field trips! We earn prizes and awards! We have annual parties with food, fun, prizes, and games! Sometimes we volunteer to help others. We have a big auction at the end of each year! Plus, all LKNS members get a membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the world’s premier club for numismatists, and enjoy all the benefits thereof!

“Wow, sounds great! So who can join, and how?”

Membership in LKNS is limited to currently enrolled 3rd-6th grade students of Legacy Christian Academy (LCA) and affiliated homeschool programs, LKNS alumni, parent volunteers, and school faculty/staff.

To join LKNS, you have to 1) submit a completed, accurate, and legible **Membership Application**, along with 2) an annual **dues payment of \$25.00**.

All new (first-time) members must turn in a copy of your most recent **grade card** that has letter grades on it (A’s, B’s, C’s, etc.) by the October meeting. (See Parent Information for more details.)

“Great, I can’t wait; let’s do this!”

Hold on! There are a few extra things we should talk about. We do have a few rules.

OUR SOCIETY’S FOUR RULES: Our Four Rules cover lots of things, but here are some examples.

1. HAVE FUN—LKNS has fun and interesting meetings and activities; even parties, auctions, giveaways, and drawings! How much fun you have depends on how much you participate! Also, remember to help others have fun too—we all have more fun together!

2. BE RESPECTFUL—Honor others through listening, participating, showing interest, helping, using good manners, and respecting others’ property (be careful, don’t touch it without permission). Respect yourself and your fellow members with behavior that doesn’t distract, disrupt, or interfere.

3. LEARN SOMETHING—You will gain the most from LKNS if you attend, listen, and participate. There’s a lot you can learn, and numismatics makes it fun and interesting! If you learn something interesting at LKNS, read more about it when you go home!

4. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE—Use what you know and learn to help others know and learn. Leadership is born through serving others. You earn respect, gain confidence, and make friends when you lead this way.

TRADING RULES (these rules also apply to buying and selling):

We want to honor God, our families, our school, and LKNS by maintaining the highest reputation of being honest, honorable, and fair in all our dealings. Therefore, all members must agree to these trading rules: 1.) I will only trade my own personal property. 2.) I will talk with my parents about what I may or may not take to school and/or trade; and I will only trade what I have my parents’ permission to trade. 3.) I will make it my business to know the approximate value of what I am offering, as well as of what I am receiving. 4.) I will make all trades in the spirit of honesty and fairness; I will not misrepresent any item; I will neither offer nor accept what I know is a bad deal. 5.) I will not pressure others, nor be pressured, into making a trade one of us doesn’t really want to make. 6.) If in doubt, either my trade partner or I may ask an adult to review our trade for advice before we make it.

SECURITY AND CLASSROOM RULES:

Members must always be responsible for their own numismatic items. Do not be careless with your items while at school or leave them where they could be lost, damaged, or stolen. Keep them secure and out of sight when not in use. Abide by all class/ library/lunchroom/etc. rules teachers may make regarding numismatic items, trading, storing, displaying, etc. during the school day.

Membership is a privilege that depends on your ability and willingness to abide by the rules and cooperate with the leaders in charge. Please do your best to listen, cooperate, follow instructions, and help make LKNS a great experience for yourself and everyone!