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Friday 20 November 2026

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Lots 2001 - 2210

14:00 - 18:00
Lots 2211 - 2707

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Introduction to the Collection of Medieval South Italian and Sicilian coins to 1282, formed by Dr. William James Conte

This is the heart of the collection. The coins assembled here were acquired continuously from the 1960s through 2025; early on with the very limited budget of a teenager and later with the rather more substantial budget of a medical doctor. I have now reached the point where I see virtually nothing more to add. I know the series as well as I ever will. It seems right to pass it on.

My goal was always to collect Norman coins and related issues. The very large Anglo-Norman collection is now at the Fitzwilliam Museum thanks to my late dear friend Mark Blackburn. Most of that collection was sold at cost to the museum which obtained a grant from the Lottery Fund for the purpose of its acquisition. The most expensive pieces, including a superb gold penny of Henry III, a gold strip or "bar" struck with a die of King John, and a long and virtually complete run of mules between successive types, were given as a gift many years ago. These were to have been published by the Fitzwilliam as a volume of Cambridge's Medieval European Coinage (MEC). However that promise seems to have been neglected with Mark's passing and the retirement of others.

The collection for sale today was intended as a completion and illustration of MEC volume 14, Philip Grierson's and Lucia Travaini's outstanding "Italy (III) South Italy, Sicily, Sardinia". Many of these coins were offered to Philip for inclusion but he declined, preferring to keep it a publication of his collection. Unfortunately, that prevented MEC 14 from illustrating many of the coin types produced in those regions during the period covered by the excellent text. In this catalogue, I have generally followed the text of MEC 14 and that of Lucia Traviani's foundational volume, La monetazione nell'Italia normanna. The approximately 900 coins are listed by ruler or issuing authority which follow chronologically. Within each ruler, the coins are organized by mints and types when they are clearly part a related issue.

Of particular note, you will find a near complete run of Amalfitan types. The tari and the follari are almost all exceptional rarities. Only the last tari of Frederick II with the central "IMP" legend would seem to be missing. Much the same can be said of the Salernitan issues. This must surely be the most complete group of the coins of Salerno ever assembled. Many of these illustrate the volumes by Cappelli and Varesi.

The tari coinage of Sicily is covered in depth. I have done my best at interpreting the Kufic legends though these are typically poorly struck with much being left off the small flans and my abilities are limited. The expertise provided by Arianna D'Ottone has been extremely valuable and very illuminating - see particularly the extraordinary early tari of Roger II as King of Sicily. No doubt there is much work that can yet be done with these coins by correcting or completing my readings and classifications.

The coinage of the Hohenstaufen dynasty is remarkable for a number of rare and often unpublished types of Henry VI and Frederick II. The earliest type of augustale bearing a crowned bust seems closer to a tetrarchic aureus in style, size and weight than a medieval coin. But it certainly must be an early issue with a somewhat complicated design that must have been difficult for less skilled engravers to reproduce in the dies used for the later massive output of "normal" augustales. We see this same phenomenon of a simplification of design over time in some of the long-running English types of the period.

I close this portion of the collection at the Sicilian Vespers of 1282. After that the coinage separates into the coinage of Naples and later South Italian mints under the Angevin and later kings of Naples (sold in NAC auction 159 last year) and the coinage of Sicily which remained under the Spanish descendants of the Hohenstaufen through Constance, the daughter of King Manfred, and her husband Peter of King of Aragon (to be covered in the next and final sale of my collection late this year or in 2027). These post 1282 coins take on a more typical late medieval character with thinner more spread flans and the presence of Gothic lettering in the legends before becoming fully Renaissance in character.

The final group of Angevin coins, here limited to the reales, tari and denarii of the first king of that line, Charles I of Anjou, is extraordinarily complete. The cavallino of Sicily, formerly the cover coin of NAC/Spink Taisei auction 52, is in my opinion simply the finest medieval coin ever produced.

I have endeavored to collect the best examples available, upgrading when the opportunity presented itself. But medieval coins seem to be rarer and often much more difficult to acquire in good condition than coins from ancient mints. They were generally produced for smaller populations in more limited areas of circulation. Hoards seem less common and many of the coins undoubtedly came from individual finds or small holdings hidden inside the walls of dwellings rather than buried in some secret location. Of course there are exceptions to these generalized observations.

In a collecting lifetime that now exceeds 60 years there are many people to thank: In the United States, the Goldberg family of Los Angeles have helped since Ira and I were both teenagers. Andy Singer provided coins, books and his expertise before I was in college and long after. Steve Album helped with Kufic interpretation. Victor England and Eric McFadden, founders of CNG, were available from the beginning for

good advice and provided some very nice coins. In London, the Baldwin family, including Peter Mitchell and Michael Sharp, the group at Seaby coins, and the people at Spink, particularly my friend Patrick Finn, introduced me to dealers and collectors beyond the USA. In Italy, I had the great good fortune to become close friends with the De Falco family, the Russo family and the Moretti family. All have been of the greatest help for more than thirty years. Alberto cannot be thanked enough - not only for 30+ years of friendship and guidance but also for these marvelous catalogues. He knows everything there is to know about this coinage. And on the ground in the UK and Europe, David Miller, Teo Angelucci and Margo Kulik have represented me and made the travel easier and more enjoyable.

Finally, I owe a great debt of gratitude to my wife Toni and my sons Elliot and Adam. It has been said that collecting is an obsession, a form of madness. Toni knew that going in and still married me. Her tolerance goes beyond any reasonable expectation. I love her. The boys were born into it and had no choice. But they share some of my passion. I heard no complaints.

It's all about the chase, the knowledge we acquire, the places we go, and the people we meet along the way.

Good hunting during the auction.

Bill

Foreword

Bill's preface is so touching that it is difficult for us to add anything other than expressing how privileged NAC feels to have had the opportunity to publish this catalogue. Thanks to its completeness, it is no doubt destined to become a reference work in its own right for collectors, coin dealers and scholars who embark on this fascinating coinage in the future. For this reason, we decided-with Bill's encouragement-to illustrate not only every single coin type but also all of the variants, just as BCD did with his catalogues.

The publication of this catalogue, which is destined to endure in numismatic history, is a source of great satisfaction which in some respects surpasses that of many higher-grossing sales whose scientific importance pales in comparison.

The contribution that Bill has made to the publication of this catalogue has been fundamental, given that his deep knowledge of this coinage would be the envy of most scholars. Being able to engage with such knowledgeable collectors is both the bane and the joy of every coin dealer, and represents the most difficult yet also the most stimulating challenge one can encounter in our profession.

I would like to conclude this short preface by echoing Bill's expressions of gratitude to his family, and particularly to his wife. All of us numismatists know that this passion-this obsession-takes up a great deal of our lives, and that this aspect can also be the source of family discontent. However, one scene will remain etched in my mind forever.

Many years ago, we were entrusted with a collection of Roman Republican coins. In order to carry out first the valuation and then the inventory, I spent several days with the collector and his wife. She complained about her husband having dedicated 30 years to this passion of his and how it had taken up a considerable about of his spare time. I therefore imagined that the day when I collected the collection would have been a day of liberation for this lady. I couldn't have been more mistaken! As I was carrying the coins away, she burst into desperate sobbing. I like to think that perhaps, in that moment, she realised how important those coins had been in her husband's life, and her weeping struck me as a beautiful gesture of love.

Have fun and enjoy delving into this catalogue – it's worth it.

Arturo Russo

THE DUCHY of NAPLES

The Duchy of Naples emerged in the early Middle Ages as a semi-autonomous Byzantine province in southern Italy, gradually evolving into an independent polity long before the Norman conquest.
After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Naples remained under the control of the Byzantine Empire. In the late 7th century, as imperial authority weakened in Italy, Constantinople reorganized its territories into military-administrative units called ducatus. Around 661 CE, the Duchy of Naples was formally established, governed by a Byzantine dux (duke) appointed by the emperor or, later, by the exarch of Ravenna. Throughout the 8th and 9th centuries, Byzantine influence waned as imperial resources were diverted to defend the Aegean and Asia Minor from Arab invasions. In this context, the Neapolitan dukes increasingly acted independently.
The Lombard threat from the neighbouring Duchy of Benevento and later the Arab raids in southern Italy pushed Naples to rely more on its own forces and diplomacy.
A reference to the mint in a document of 763 allows to presume its activity. Duke Stephen III began minting coins bearing his own name rather than that of the emperor, a symbolic declaration of autonomy. By the 9th century, the office of duke had become hereditary, particularly under Duke Sergius I (840–864), whose dynasty established a de facto independent Neapolitan principality, although still nominally under Byzantine suzerainty.
Naples navigated a complex geopolitical landscape, balancing alliances with Byzantium, the Lombards, the Papacy, and at times even Muslim powers from Sicily. The duchy often collaborated with Amalfi and Gaeta in maritime ventures but also competed with them for control of coastal trade. It maintained a certain Greek cultural influence, visible in liturgy and administration, even as Latin gradually reasserted dominance.
By the 11th century, internal factionalism and the rise of new powers weakened the duchy. The Normans, initially mercenaries in southern Italy, began consolidating control over Apulia and Campania. In 1137, under Roger II of Sicily, Naples was finally subdued and incorporated into the Kingdom of Sicily, marking the end of its centuries-long semi-independent existence.

Duke Stephen III, 821-832 AD

2001

2001 Light follis, Æ 2.64 g. Facing bust of St. Gennaro flanked by S/C/S on l. and I/A/N/V on r. Rev. Cross potent on three steps flanked by ƨ – T. Pannuti-Riccio 1 (Stefano II). MEC XIV, 1-3. MIR 8.
Dark green patina, minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise good very fine 350

Anonymous issue of circa 832-840 AD

2002

2002 Light follis, Æ 2.11 g. Facing bust of St. Gennaro flanked by S/C on l. and I/A/N/O on r. Rev. ✠ /NEA/POΛ/IC in four lines. Pannuti-Riccio 1. MEC XIV, 4. MIR 7/2.
In exceptional condition for the issue, undoubtedly among the finest in private hands.
Extremely Fine 800
WJC: The finest I have seen.

Anonymous issue of circa 832-840 AD

2003

2003 Light follis, Æ 1.94 g. Facing bust of St. Gennaro flanked by I/A/N/O on l. and S/C/[S] on r. Rev. NEA/POΛ/IC in three lines. Pannuti-Riccio 2 var. MEC XIV 4. MIR 7/3 var. (IANVA).
Dark brown tone, minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 16, 1999, 961.

Duke Sergius I, 840-864 AD

2004

2004 Heavy follis, Æ 8.17 g. Half figure of St. Gennaro facing wearing pallium and holding Gospel Book, flanked by S/C/S on l. and I/A/N/V on r. Rev. Standing figure of Duke Sergius wearing loros and holding sceptre in r. hand and globus cruciger in l., all flanked by S/E/R/G/I/V vertically on l. and D/V/X vertically on r. Pannuti-Riccio 1 (this coin). MEC XIV, 5-6. MIR 9.

Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Dark tone and unusually well struck. Good very fine / about extremely fine 2'500

Ex NAC sale 16, 1999, 964.

Athanasius II, duke and bishop of Naples 878-898 AD

2005

2005 Half follis (?), Æ 3.14 g. Half figure of St. Gennaro facing wearing pallium and holding Gospel Book, all flanked by S/C/S on l. and I/A/N/V on r. Rev. Half figure of Bishop Athanasius facing flanked by A/T/H/A vertically on l. and E/P/S on r. Pannuti-Riccio 1. MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 49. MIR 11 (R4).

Of the highest rarity, one of very few specimens in private hands.
Flan cracks, otherwise very fine 3'500

Ex NAC sale 16, 1999, 966.

The Lombards in South Italy

After the fall of the Lombard Kingdom in the north to Charlemagne in 774, the Duchy of Benevento in southern Italy preserved Lombard independence. Its ruler, Arechis II, shifted his seat to Salerno, a fortified city overlooking the Tyrrhenian coast, which soon became a new Lombard stronghold. Over the ninth century Benevento fragmented under the pressure of internal disputes and external threats—Byzantines, Saracens, and Franks alike—and out of its territory emerged new Lombard principalities, among them Capua and Salerno, while the coastal city of Amalfi gradually developed its own autonomous rule.

Capua first rose to prominence in the mid-ninth century, when its local counts declared independence from Benevento and established their own principality. Though small, it was strategically placed on the route between Naples and the interior, and its rulers often fought both their Lombard neighbours and the Byzantines. In the tenth century, under the powerful Pandulf I "Ironhead," Capua briefly united Benevento and Salerno, creating a short-lived Lombard hegemony in the south.

Salerno, meanwhile, had become the leading Lombard power on the Tyrrhenian coast. Its princes fostered trade and culture, and by the eleventh century Salerno was one of the most prosperous courts in Italy. Prince Guaimar IV extended Salerno's control over Amalfi, Gaeta, and much of Campania, making it the foremost Lombard principality of the time.

Amalfi, originally under Byzantine influence, had by the ninth century evolved into a semi-independent maritime duchy. Governed by its own dukes, it grew rich through Mediterranean commerce and rivaled Venice and Pisa as a trading republic. Yet its independence proved fragile: in the eleventh century it fell first under the sway of Capua and then of Salerno.

The arrival of the Normans in southern Italy changed everything. Initially mercenaries in Lombard service, they soon became conquerors in their own right. By the 1070s Robert Guiscard and his brother Roger had subdued Salerno and Amalfi, while Capua passed into Norman hands shortly after. Thus, by the late eleventh century, the independent Lombard states of southern Italy had disappeared, giving way to the new Norman kingdom that would dominate the Mezzogiorno for the next two centuries.

Landulf II and Pandulf I, 943-958 or Pandulf Ironhead and Landulf, 964-968.

2006

2006 Half denaro?, AR 0.45 g. LAN/ – /PRI. Rev. PAL/ – /PRI . 483 var. MEC XIV, 8. MIR 379.
Extremely rare. Very Fine 1'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 927.

From Normandy to Southern Italy (early 11th century)

In the early 11th century, southern Italy was a patchwork of powers: Byzantine Greeks ruled the south and Apulia, Lombard princes held Benevento and Capua, and Muslim emirs controlled Sicily. The Normans — originally Viking settlers who had adopted French language and customs in Normandy — first arrived not as conquerors but as pilgrims and mercenaries.
Around 1016, Norman knights returning from pilgrimage to the Holy Land stopped in southern Italy and were hired by Lombard lords rebelling against Byzantine rule. Their bravery and skill in battle soon earned them a reputation, and more Normans came south in search of fortune and land.

Mercenaries turned lords (1030s–1050s)
Over time, these Norman mercenaries began carving out territories for themselves.
Rainulf Drengot received the county of Aversa (near Naples) in 1030, the first Norman lordship in Italy.
The powerful Hauteville (Altavilla) family soon followed. Brothers like William Iron Arm, Drogo, and Robert Guiscard ("the Wily") led successive waves of conquest.
By 1059, Robert Guiscard was invested by the pope as Duke of Apulia, Calabria, and Sicily, legitimizing Norman rule in southern Italy in exchange for defending papal interests.
Richard de L'Aigle (Riccardo dell'Aquila) was another Norman nobleman active in southern Italy as Duke of Gaeta 1105-1111. A member of the powerful de L'Aigle family from Normandy, he followed the wave of Norman expansion into the Mezzogiorno. Richard served the Hauteville rulers and became an important baron in the Kingdom of Sicily, holding lands in the region of Abruzzo and Molise. Known for his military service and loyalty to the Norman kings, he played a role in consolidating Norman control during the early decades of the kingdom's formation.

The conquest of Sicily (1061–1091)
Robert Guiscard and his younger brother Roger de Hauteville then turned their attention to Muslim Sicily, a rich but fragmented emirate.
The campaign began in 1061 with the capture of Messina. Over three decades, Roger steadily advanced, aided by both Norman and local Christian forces. The final victory came in 1091, when Noto, the last Muslim stronghold, fell. Thus, the Normans completed the conquest of Sicily, establishing a new Latin Christian rule over a culturally diverse island.

The Norman Kingdom, the Kingdom in the sun.
Roger's son, Roger II, united all Norman holdings in 1130, creating the Kingdom of Sicily, a powerful and cosmopolitan state that blended Norman, Lombard, Greek, Arab, and Latin influences. Palermo became one of the most sophisticated courts in medieval Europe — a symbol of the synthesis between northern vigour and Mediterranean culture

Norman Princes of Capua

Robert II Drengot, 1127-1135 (or Roger II of Hauteville ?).

2007

2008

2007 Follaro, Æ 1.31 g. Facing bust of ruler between R and P both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Facing bearded bust of St. Peter with halo between S and P both under horizontal suspension marks. MEC XIV, 9. MIN 424. MIR 395 (Ruggero II re).
Rare. About very fine 150

2008 Concave follaro, Æ 1.8 g. P – O Diademed and cuirassed (?) bust facing ¾ r. Rev. View of the Roman amphitheatre, possibly (CAP)VA below. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 330. MIN 422. MIR 393 (R5).
Extremely rare. Green patina and about very fine 1'000

Ex Artemide Aste sale LVIII, 2022, 670.

Principality of Salerno
Siconolf, 839-849.

2009

2009

2009 Solidus, AV 3.67 g. SICO ◄+► NOLFVS· Diademed bust of Siconolf facing, holding globus cruciger in r. hand; in r. field, ▲ . Rev. VICToR· ✤ PRINCIB Cross potent on steps flanked by S/◄ and I/►; below, CONO. Cappelli 1. MEC I, 1120. MIR 504.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 750

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2010

2010 Denaro, AR 1 g. ✠ PRINCE BENEBENTI around monogram C / S-◊-F / N. Rev. ΛRHΛNGELV MIHAEL around central cross potent on steps flanked by triangle and pellet . Cappelli 3. MEC I, 1121. MIR 508 var.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Lovely iridescent tone
and unusually intact extremely fine 400

WJC: A beautiful unbroken coin.

2011

2011 Denaro, AR 1.09 g. ✠ PRINCE BENEBENTI around monogram C / S-◊-F / N. Rev. ΛRHΛNGELV MIHΛE around central cross potent on steps flanked by triangle and pellet. Cappelli 3. MEC I, 1121. MIR 505.
In exceptional condition for the issue, possibly the finest specimen known.
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 600

Ex Artemide Aste LXII, 2024, 830.

Waifar or Guaifar, 861-880.

2012

2012 Denaro, AR 0.76 g. ERI / VVAIF / VS P in three lines. Rev. ·ΛRHΛNGELVS I around Latin cross. Cappelli 10. MEC I, not represented. MIR 513 (R4).
Extremely rare. Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine 2'500

Purchased Artemide Aste LXII, 2024, 831.

Waimar I, 880-890.

2013

2013 Denaro, AR 0.95 g. ✠ DOMVVAMARI around cross-shaped flower of four petals. Rev. ΛR / MIHΛE / HΛ in three lines. CNI vol 18, plate XVII, 18. Cappelli 15 (as unique though obviously not). MEC I not represented. MIR 519.
Of the highest rarity. Old cabinet tone, chipped edge, as usual for this issue, and areas of weakness, otherwise about good very fine 1'250

Anonymous Princes of Salerno (Gisulf I, Waimar III or IV), 10th or early 11th Century.

2014

2014 Tarì, AV 0.94 g. Double Arabic or pseudo Arabic legends around a central pellet. Rev. Double Arabic or pseudo Arabic legends around a central pellet. Cappelli 20. MIN 35-36. MEC XIV, 12 and see discussion on page 61. MIR 526.
In unusually fine condition for the issue. Extremely Fine 1'000

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

This tarì with a pseudo-Arabic legend might suggest an Arab occupation of Salerno. In reality, however, despite repeated attempts and naval incursions, the Arabs never conquered the city, nor did they ever mint coins there. The reason why this issue bears a pseudo-Arabic inscription is much more straightforward: since the only gold coins circulating in southern Italy at the time were the Arab tarì minted in Sicily, it was decided in Salerno to produce coins that replicated that type, which was already accepted and recognised within that territorial and commercial context.

2015

2015 Tarì, AV 1 g. Similar in style to the tarì of al-Mu'izz. Double Arabic or pseudo Arabic legends around a central pellet. Rev. Double Arabic or pseudo Arabic legends around a central pellet. Capelli unlisted. MIN 36. MEC XIV, not represented but see 12 for less blundered legends. MIR 526. Friedberg 1003.

A light scratch on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 500

Ex Artemide Aste LIX, 2023, 815.

Waimar I (IV, or Guiamar), 1027-1052 and duke of Amalfi 1039-1052.

2016

2016 Small flan tarì, Amalfi or Salerno? early 11th Century, AV 0.94 g. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around a central pellet. The outer circle also contains a retrograde "Latin" legend: "( )INGVAMI( )". Rev. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around a central pellet. MIN unlisted but see 40. Cappelli 58 (this coin) as Guaimar III (999-1027 AD). MEC XIV unlisted but see 37-38 though this coin is perhaps earlier. Also see the discussion on pages 68-69. MIR unlisted.

Of the highest rarity, possibly the only specimen in private hands. Extremely fine 2'500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WJC: Probably an issue of Guaimar I (1039-1052 AD).

The Latin elements likely refer to Guaimar I of Amalfi (IV of Salerno), prince of Salerno (1027-1052 AD) and overlord of Amalfi (1039-1052 AD). Very early for Amalfi and listed as UNIQUE by Cappelli for Salerno. The legends contain the "tree with overhanging branches" symbol which Grierson associates with Amalfi (see the later anonymous tarì of Amalfi in this collection for example).

Gisulf II prince of Salerno, 1052-1077.

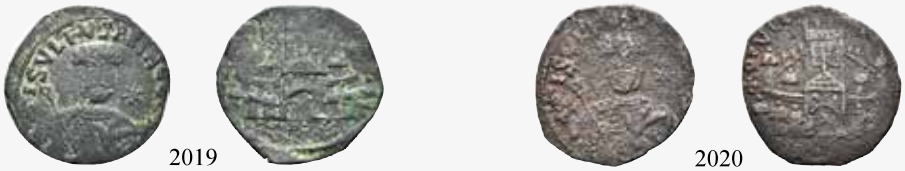
2017

2017 Tarì, AV 0.78 g. Somewhat blundered outer Latin legend: ✠ GIIMISVLFIVMIISII around central pellet and inner circular Cufic or pseudo Cufic legend. Rev. Outer pseudo Cufic legend around central pellet and inner circular Cufic or pseudo Cufic legend. MIN 37-39. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 61. MIR 527 var. (R5). Friedberg 1006.

An exceedingly rare issue with the name of the ruler in Latin characters.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 2'500

2018

2018 Follaro, Æ 3.35 g. ✠ GISVLFVS PRINCEPS Diademed bust facing holding sceptre; star in r. field. Rev. ✠ OPVLENTA SALERNO View of the city. MIN 13. Cappelli 21 (Gisulfo I). MEC XIV, 13-14. MIR 530.
In unusually fine condition for the issue. Brown tone and very fine 350



2019 2020

2019 Follaro, Æ 2.85 g. ✠ GISVLFVS PRINCEPS Diademed bust facing holding sceptre; star in r. field. Rev. [✠ OPVLENTA SALERNO] View of the City. MIN 13. Cappelli 21 (Gisulfo I). MEC XIV, 13-14. MIR 530.
Dark green patina and very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2020 Follaro, Æ 2.79 g. ✠ GISVL[FVS PRINCEPS] Diademed bust facing holding sceptre; star in r. field. Rev. ✠ OPVLE[NTA SALERNO] View of the city. MIN 13. Cappelli 21 (Gisulfo I). MEC XIV 13-14. MIR 530.
About very fine 100

2021

2021 Half follaro (?), Æ 1.42 g. [✠ GI]SVLFVS PRINCE[PS] Diademed bust facing holding sceptre; star in r. field. Rev. [✠ OPVLENTA SALERNO] View of the City. MIN 13 but small. Cappelli 24. MEC XIV, 13-14 but small. MIR 531.
Dark green patina and about extremely fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
There is such wide variation in weight among Salernitan follari of the same types that the notion of a "half" follaro is probably meaningless. These coins undoubtedly traded by weight

2022

2022 Follaro, Æ 1.47 g. GISVLF – VS PRINCES Standing figure of the prince dressed as a Byzantine emperor holding labarum and globus cruciger. Rev. ✠ /OPVLE/NTA SA/LEPNO in four lines. MIN 14. Capelli 25. MEC XIV, 17-22. MIR 532 (this coin).
In exceptional condition for the issue and unusually clear. Brown tone and good very fine 2'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, . 1577 and Stack's January 12, 2009, 3431 sales.

2023

2023 Follaro, Æ 2.32 g. GISVL – FVS PRINC Standing figure of prince dressed as a Byzantine emperor holding labarum and globus cruciger. Rev. ✠ / PVOLE (sic!) / NTA SA / [L]EPNO in four lines. MIN 14 variant. Capelli 25 var. MEC XIV, 17-22 var. MIR 53 var.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Dark green patina and extremely fine 1'000

2024

2024 Follaro, Æ 2.82 g. On the l., Gisulf stands facing with a spear in his r. hand and shield in the left. Rev. DEO /GRA /[T]IΛS in three lines. MIN 15. Cappelli 29. MEC XIV, 23. MIR 533 (this coin).
Extremely rare. About very fine / very fine 500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1580

2025

2025 Follaro, Æ 2.58 g. Gisulf and Pandolf standing both holding between them a cross resting on an ornate base. Rev. DE – O / GR – ΛTI / Λ – S in quarters of cross. MIN 16. Cappelli 30. MEC XIV, 24. MIR 534.

Extremely rare and in exceptional state of preservation. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 1'000

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2026

2026 Follaro, Æ 2.6 g. IC – XC Facing bust of Christ, with halo (nimb?) of pellets and holding the Gospels. Rev. Two standing figures holding a long patriarchal cross between them. MIN 17. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV, 25. MIR 535 (R4).

Exceedingly rare. Twice pierced, otherwise fine 150

2027

2027 Follaro, Æ 1.72 g. Facing bust of ruler, holding a sceptre; crescent in r. field. Rev. ✠ / ΛMOR / [PO]P[V /LI*] in four lines. MIN 18. Cappelli 27. MEC XIV not represented but see page 65, 18. MIR 536.

Extremely rare. Dark tone, usual areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 500

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 261.

2028

2028 Follaro, Æ 2.5 g. Facing bust of ruler, holding a sceptre; crescent in r. field. Rev. Anepigraphic. Large pentagram with a pellet in the centre and a plant in each outer angle.. Luigi Giliberti "Un follaro inedito di Gisulfo I per Salerno" in *Bollettino del Circolo Numismatico Napoletano* (XV, 1934, no. 2, pp. 23–26, this coin). Pietro Ebner, *Dei follari di Gisulfo I e della Schola Salerni*, in *Bollettino del Circolo Numismatico Napoletano*, anno XLVII, pp. 9-49, this coin) Napoli 1962. MIN 19 (this coin). Capelli unlisted. MEC XIV not represented but see page 65, 19. MIR 537 (this coin).

Possibly unique, an intriguing issue overstruck on a follis of Salerno (MIN 20).
Brown-reddish tone and good very fine 4'000

Ex Künker sale 137, 2008, De Wit, 3779, for $8,645.

2029

2029 Follaro, Æ 2.16 g. Diademed angel (as in Cathedral apse mosaic) standing facing, holding a labarum in l. hand and raising in his r. a plant (pianta mistica) in upper l. field. Rev. Building façade with three columns flanking two arches, and two columns flanking a central window above. Two plants flanking roof line. MIN 20. Cappelli 28 (this coin illustrated on plate I). MEC XIV, 26. MIR 538.

Extremely rare. Brown tone, overstruck on follis of Salerno (MIN 13),
otherwise good very fine 1'500

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 262.

WJC: The building on the reverse reminds me of the facade of the Cathedral of Salerno and the angel on the obverse of the apse mosaic. The cathedral was begun by Robert Guiscard in 1076 AD. Perhaps this coin is an early issue of Robert Guiscard commemorating the construction of the cathedral.

AMALFI. Anonymous issues of the mid to late 11th Century

2030

2030 Spread flan tarì, AV 0.94 g. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. Rev. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. MIN 50. Capelli 20 (Salerno, the attribution to Gisulf I has since been corrected). MEC XIV, 39. MIR 4.

Extremely fine 600

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1575.

2031 Spread flan tarì, AV 0.92 g. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around cross. Rev. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around cross. MIN 51-52. Capelli unlisted but see 56. MEC XIV, 40. MIR 7.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 400

2032 Spread flan tarì, AV 0.95 g. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. Rev. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. MIN 53. Capelli 20 (Salerno, the attribution to Gisulf I has since been corrected). MEC XIV, 39. MIR 4.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good extremely fine 600

2033 More spread flan tarì, AV 0.92 g. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. Rev. Pseudo Cufic legend in two concentric circles around central pellet. MIN 53. Capelli unlisted but see 57. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 4 (this coin).
Exceptionally sharp and extremely fine 750

Ex NAC 20, 2000, 3 and Bertolami E-auction 52, 2018, 545 sales.

Marinus, duke and sebastos of Amalfi, 1096-1100?

2034

2034 Follaro, Æ 1.3 g. Crowned bust facing, holding sceptre in r. hand and pianta mistica in l. Rev. ·:· MAR[...]N[...)]I around dotted circle with pellet in centre. MIN 425. MEC XIV, 46. MIR 28.
Exceedingly rare and in unusually fine condition for the issue.
Dark green patina and very fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 4.
WJC: Remarkable condition for these rare coins.

GAETA. Civic and Ducal issues of the mid 11th Century

2035

2035 Follaro, Æ 3.37 g. Facing bust of St. Elmo. Rev. CON ET DVX (retrograde) around alpha and omega in centre of field. MIN 430. MEC XIV, 48-52. MIR 435 (this coin).
In unusual condition for this issue. Dark patina and surface somewhat porous, otherwise about extremely fine 400

Ex Kunker sale 137, 2008, De Wit, 3758.

2036

2036 Follaro, Æ 3.81 g. Facing bust of St. Elmo. Rev. ON E DXX around ∀ for alpha and omega in field. MIN 430. MEC XIV, 49/51. MIR 435.
Green patina and very fine 150

2037

2037 Follaro, Æ 3.49 g. Large cross potent with ·S· – ·E· in upper quarters and alpha and omega suspended from cross arm in lower quarters. Rev. ✠ CONSV[L ET D]VX around ·ε·. MIN 431. MEC XIV, 54. MIR 436.
Dark green patina and very fine 250

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 102.

GAETA. Richard de L'Aigle (dell'Aquila), duke 1105-1111

2038

2039

2038 Follaro, Æ 5.56 g. RIC CO[N E]T DVX around cross potent. Rev. [✠ G]AET[A] around cross potent. MIN 432. MEC XIV, 55 (countermarked). MIR 441.
Dark tone and very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 103.

2039 Follaro, Æ 2.82 g. RIC CON ET DVX around cross potent. Rev. GAIETA II around central cross potent. MIN 433. MEC XIV, not represented but see discussion on page 71. MIR 443 (Richard of Carinola).
Very rare. Green patina and about very fine 250

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 971.

GAETA. Civic issue of the late 12th or early 13th Century

2040

2040 Follaro, Æ 1.89 g. ✠SCS ERASMVS around cross, crosslet with a pellet in each quarter. Rev. CIVIT[AS G]AIETA around castle surmounted by pellet. MIN 437. MEC XIV, 57-59. MIR 452.
Good very fine 300

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 109.

ANONYMOUS FOLLARI of CALABRIA, issues prior to 1085 AD

2041

2041 Follaro unknown mint in Calabria, Æ 2.85 g. Facing bust of Christ with pellets in arms of nimbus. Rev. Cross potent on three steps. Retrograde legend in lower quarters of cross in two lines and flanking it: AS IL / AS IL with both "L" upside down. MIN unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Unpublished and perhaps unique. Green patina and very fine 300

WJC: This type appears to be derived from Byzantine folles of Class B, dated to Romanus III, 1028-1034 AD.

2042

2042 Follaro unknown mint in Calabria, Æ 3.48 g. IC – CX Half length figure of Christ facing. Rev. IC – XC/NI – KA in the quarters of jewelled cross with large pellet at end of arms. MIN 41. MEC XIV, 61-62. MIR 489 (Mileto).
Rare. Green patina and good very fine 250

IMITATION STELLATE TARI of al-MUSTANSIR, produced by the early NORMANS in SICILY

2043

2043 Debased tarì uncertain mint, AV 0.53 g. Stellate blundered legend. Rev. Stellate blundered legend. MIN 42. MEC XIV not represented but noted on page 81.
Very fine 100

WJC: This type, and the following five coins, imitates the coins issued by al-Mustansir.

ex 2044

2044 Lot of five coins: Debased tarì uncertain mint, AV 0.88 g., 0.89 g., 1.11 g., 0.81 g. and 1.19 g.
Fine to very fine 200

BILLON KHARRUBE produced by the early NORMANS in SICILY

ex 2045

2045 Lot of two coins: Billon Kharruba uncertain mint, Billon 0.22 g. and 0.27 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al-qumis( )/ indecipherable". Rev. Illegible . Travaini, RIN 1990, p. 195, B2. MIN 55. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV 63?. MIR unlisted.
Fine and very fine 100

Perhaps an issue of Roger I as Count under Guiscard.

2046.1

2046.2

2046 Lot of two coins: **2046.1** Kharruba, Messina 1061-1085 or Palermo 1072-1085, billon 0.17 g. Two lines of indeciperable Cufic script separated by a central pellet. Rev. Two lines of indeciperable Cufic script separated by a central pellet. Travaini, RIN 1990, p. 195, B6. MIN 56. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV? 65. MIR unlisted. **2046.2** Kharruba uncertain mint, billon 0.19 g. Three intersecting lines of unread Cufic inscription with a small central circle. Rev. Three intersecting lines of unread Cufic inscription with a small central circle. Travaini, RIN 1990, p. 195, B3. MIN 58. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Rare (1). Very fine 80

ex 2047

ex 2048

ex 2049

2047 Lot of five coins: AR kharruba, 0.15 g., 0.18 g., 0.21 g., 0.24 g. and 0.29 g. Similar to previous but much better metal
Fine to very fine 150

2048 Lot of two coins: AR kharruba, 0.14 g. and 0.19 g. Both obverse and reverse: Six lines of unread Cufic script radiating from central circle with pellet inside. MIN 59.
Fine 75

2049 Lot of three coins: Billon kharruba, 0.11 g., 0.21 g. and 0.29 g. Both obverse and reverse: Circular Cufic or pseudo Cufic inscription around three central pellets in a line within a small circle. MIN 60. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV 64.
Very fine 100

2050

2050 Kharruba, Palermo, Billon 0.23 g. "The Profession of the Faith" around six-pointed star. Rev. "Struck in Sicily..." around six-pointed star. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR cp. 427.
About very fine 70

WJC: Unpublished type.

ex 2051

2051 Lot of three coins: Billon kharrube, 0.28 g., 0.44 g. and 0.32 g. "The Profession of the Faith" around six-pointed star. Rev. "Struck in Sicily..." around six-pointed star. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR cp. 427.
About very fine 100

2052

2052 Kharruba, Palermo, billon 0.38 g. "The Profession of the Faith" (?) around seven-pointed star. Rev. Appears to have "Struck in Sicily... " around six-pointed star. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Unpublished type. About very fine 50

ex 2053

2053 Lot of two coins: Billon kharruba, 0.22 g. and 0.25 g. Seven-pointed star on one side and six-pointed star on the other side. Undecipherable Cufic legends around. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
About very fine 75

2054

2054 Kharruba uncertain mint, Billon 0.2 g. Undecipherable Cufic legends around eight-pointed star. Rev. Undecipherable Cufic legends around eight-pointed star. MIN (second edition) 60/1. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Good very fine 100

COINS of ROBERT GUISCARD, 1059-1085, struck in SICILY

2055 Tarì, Palermo AH 464 (1071/1072), AV 0.8 g. "illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah la ilah" encircled by an outer band of Cufic script Qur'an IX.33. Rev. "bi-amr/Ubart al duqah/al-ajall malik/Siqilliyyah" (By order of/Robert the duke/the very glorious lord/of Sicily) encircled by an outer band of Cufic script giving mint (Sicily=Palermo) and date (464 AH). MIN 61. Spahr 1. MEC XIV unlisted for date but see 66-67.

Good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Steve Album.

2056 Tarì, Palermo AH 464 (1071/1072), AV 1.04 g. "illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah la ilah" encircled by an outer band of Cufic script Qur'an IX.33. Rev. "bi-amr/Ubart al duqah/al-ajall malik/Siqilliyyah" (By order of/Robert the Duke/the very glorious lord/of Sicily) encircled by an outer band of Cufic script giving mint (Sicily=Palermo) and date (464 AH). MIN 61. Spahr 1. MEC XIV unlisted for date but see 66-67.

Good very fine 150

2057 Tari, Palermo AH 466 (1073-1074), AV 1.05 g. Three (appears as four since it continues above) lines of Cufic script: "illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah la ilah" encircled by an outer band of Cufic script Qur'an IX.33. Rev. "bi-amr/Ubart al duqah/al-ajall malik/Siqilliyyah" (By order of/Robert the Duke/the very glorious lord/of Sicily) encircled by an outer band of Cufic script giving mint (Sicily=Palermo) and date (466 AH). MIN 62. Spahr 1var. (year). MEC XIV, 66-67.

Extremely fine 350

Privately purchased from Steve Album.

WJC: Exceptionally clear and sharp.

2058 Tari, Palermo AH 466 (1073-1074), AV 1.15 g. Three (appears as four since it continues above) lines of Cufic script: "illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah la ilah" encircled by an outer band of Cufic script Qur'an IX.33. Rev. "bi-amr/Ubart al duqah/al-ajall malik/Siqilliyyah" (By order of/Robert the Duke/the very glorious lord/of Sicily) encircled by an outer band of Cufic script giving mint (Sicily=Palermo) and date (466 AH). MIN 62. Spahr 1var. (year). MEC XIV 66-67.

Extremely fine 350

WJC: Very full and clear.

The above two coins appear to reasonably match Spinelli's illustration on table V, #1, which was discussed in MIN, page 110. They clearly say nothing about "al-malik Rujār" or "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh" .

SALERNITAN COINS of GISULF II, 1052-1077 AD, or more likely, ROBERT GUISCARD, 1077-1085 AD

2059

2059 Follaro, Æ 4.63 g. LAS – DEO Facing crowned bust, holding pianta mistica. Rev. GLO – RIA Facing crowned bust, holding pianta mistica. MIN 21. Cappelli 31(Gisulfo I e Pandolfo Capodiferro ?). MEC XIV, 27. MIR 539 (this coin).

Exceedingly rare and in exceptional condition for the issue.
Dark green patina and extremely fine 3'000

Ex NAC 20, 2000, 263 and Stack's 12 January, 2009, Moneta Imperii Romani Bizantini, 3432.

WJC: A brilliant coin for Salerno.

2060

2060 Follaro, Æ 3.3 g. [✠ INPER – ATOR] Facing bust holding labarum in r. hand and globus cruciger in l. Rev. Two busts facing holding long cross between them; in field above, two stars. MIN 22. Cappelli 50 (Manso III with his son John and Otto III imperator). MEC XIV, 28. MIR 540.

Exceedingly rare. Fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WJC: Cappelli records only two other specimens.

2061

2061 Follaro, Æ 2.21 g. VICTOR[IA] – [AAVGG] retrograde around standing figure of an angel holding a long cross in l. hand and globus cruciger in r.; below, [CO]NO. Rev. MEN/SE · A/GVStU/⁕ in four lines. MIN 23. Cappelli 51 (Anonymous follari attributed to the period between John II and Guaimar V, this coin illustrated on plate II). MEC XIV, 29. MIR 542.

In exceptional state of preservation. Dark tone and extremely fine 1'000

WJC: The obverse type imitates an early Byzantine (Justinian I) solidus.

2062

2062 Follaro, Æ 2.68 g. [✠ S]IGИVM – VICTO[RIE] Cross with star in each angle. Rev. Lion advancing r. MIN 25. Cappelli 33 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 30. MIR 541. Possibly overstruck on MIN type 15.
Very rare. Lovely green patina and very fine 400

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1584.

2063

2063 Follaro, Æ 3.86 g. Bearded male head r. between two stars; [cross] above. Rev. ✠ ME / [И]SEO / TVB / R. in four lines. MIN 26. Cappelli 52 (Anonymous follari attributed to the period between John II and Guaimar V). MEC XIV, 31-32. MIR 543.
Extremely rare. Dark tone, traces of overstriking, otherwise good very fine 500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1595.

SALERNITAN COINS of ROBERT GUISCARD, 1077-1085.

2064

2064 Follaro, Æ 6.55 g. Bust of Christ facing, holding Gospel Book; at sides,"pianta mistica". Rev. Virgin orans seated on throne; at sides, "pianta mistica". MIN 29. Cappelli 35 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 68-69. MIR 547(R3).
Extremely rare. Dark brown tone and very fine 400

2065

2065

2065 Follaro, Æ 6.44 g. Bust of Christ facing, holding Gospel Book; at sides,"pianta mistica". Rev. Virgin orans seated on throne; at sides,"pianta mistica". MIN 29. Cappelli 35(Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 68-69. MIR 547 (R3).

Extremely rare. Brown tone and very fine / about very fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2066

2066

2066 Follaro, Æ 8.85 g. MP – VΘ Nimbate bust of Virgin facing. Rev. SA – PE Bust of St. Peter facing, wearing pallium. MIN 30. Cappelli 34 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV not represented, but see page 85, 2. MIR 548 (R4). Overstruck on MIN 29.

Exceedingly rare. Struck on a very large and wavy flan. Minor traces of overstriking, otherwise very fine / about extremely fine 4'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 2000, 1585 and Stack's sale 12 January, 2009, Moneta Imperii Romani Bizantini, 3433.

WJC: Exceedingly rare and nice. Cappelli records only three specimens.

2067

2067

2067 Follaro, Æ 6.54 g. Facing bust of Guiscard, wearing crown with pendants and holding a cross on shaft in r. hand and double globes in l. Rev. View of Salerno: Arches on columns in front, three towers with cupolas behind and tall square tower topped with battlements in the centre; in exergue, VICTO[RIA]. MIN 32. Cappelli 36 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 71-73. MIR 550.

Dark green patina. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about very fine / very fine 1'200

WJC: A nice large example with a perfect patina and a clear view of the City.

2068

2068 Follaro, Æ 4.39 g. Facing bust of Guiscard, wearing crown with pendants and holding a cross on shaft in r. hand and double globes in l. Rev. View of Salerno: Arches on columns in front, three towers with cupolas behind and tall square tower topped with battlements in the centre; in exergue, [VIC]TO[RI/A]. MIN 32. Cappelli 36 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 71-73. MIR 550.

Brown tone, struck on a narrow flan, otherwise about extremely fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2069

2069 Follaro, Æ 7.18 g. Youthful saint holding cross on breast; around, four stars. Rev. AMAB – ILIS around jewelled Patriarchal cross fourchée on steps, surrounded by four stars. MIN 33. Cappelli 37 (Anonymous issues of the Capuan domination). MEC XIV, 74. MIR 551. Overstruck on a coin of MIN 32.

In exceptional state of preservation. A wonderful leather brown patina and with traces of the under type still visible. Extremely fine 3'000

Ex Kunst und Munzen list 69, 1994, 695 and Stack's sale 12 January, 2009, Moneta Imperii Romani Bizantini, 3434. Privately purchased from Numismatica Fiorentina at NYINC in 2010.

WJC: A fantastic coin.

2070

2070 Follaro, Æ 5.11 g. IC – XC Bust of Christ facing. Rev. XC·R[C] under horizontal suspension mark / XC IMPE all under another horizontal suspension mark. MIN 34. Cappelli 38. MEC XIV, 75-82. Overstruck on a coin of MIN 33.

In exceptional state of preservation. Lovely enamel-like dark green patina and with traces of the under type still visible. Extremely fine 1'000

WJC: Another fantastic coin with a great patina and a clear under type.

ROBERT GUISCARD, 1077-1085 or ROGER I, 1072-1101
FOLLARO possibly of MELFI

2071

2071 Scyphate follaro, Melfi ? 1077-1101, Æ 3.03 g. R – O Facing bust wearing crown with long pendilia. Rev. Palace flanked by two towers. Legend below with ME ligate (low and to l. edge of flan) ERNO (immediately under palace) and (below that) CIV[ITA] and S at bottom. MIN 161 (as a forgery). MEC XIV unlisted but discussed on pages 86-87 as a forgery. Cappelli on page 81 discusses the coin in CNI pl. XIX, 19, as a forgery. MIR 553 var. (as possible forgery).
Extremely rare. Dark green patina and good very fine 500

Privately purchased from Artemide on October 29, 2020.

2072

2072 Follaro, Melfi ? 1077-1101, Æ 1.39 g. R – O Crowned bust facing; on breast, COMIT. Rev. Palace flanked by two towers. Legend below with [SAL (low and to l. edge of flan) ERN (immediately under palace) and (below that) VRBE]. MIN 162(as a forgery). MEC XIV unlisted but discussed on pages 86-87 as a forgery. Cappelli on page 81 discusses the coin in CNI table XIX, #19, as a forgery. MIR 553 (as possible forgery).
Surfaces slightly corroded and chipped edge. About very fine 300

WJC: The above two coins have been known since the early 1800s and have been regarded by most authors as false. However, the number and variety of specimens and the patina and reported finds, including from the beach near Salerno, are suggestive that they are genuine. In spite of carrying a reverse legend that suggests they are issues of Salerno, several features make that seem unlikely. The flans are atypical, both flat and relatively thin specimens are known and the first listed specimen in this collection is scyphate. This is distinct from the relatively larger flans of the coins attributed to Robert Guiscard from Salerno. The epigraphy is different – smaller and neater on these coins. Additionally, many and perhaps most Salernitan coins have a clear undertype: the result of restriking unprepared flans. I have not seen that on these coins or other known specimens. I would suggest these are the products of another mint. The type is somewhat similar to that of Gisulf II (MIN 13 and Cappelli 21). Perhaps they are based upon that substantial issue of Gisulf but issued by his brother-in-law, Robert Guiscard from his base in Melfi, or less likely, Messina. The letters HE ligate (?ME) that are observed on at least a couple of specimens of MIN 161, including that here, would be consistent with that origin.

EARLY COINS of ROGER I as COUNT of CALABRIA and SICILY, ca. 1060-1072-1101 under Duke Robert Guiscard, 1059-1085

2073

2073 Tarì, Palermo 466 AH (1073-1074 AD), AV 0.89 g. Date in outer Cufic legend around two lines of Cufic in the centre: "la ilah illa Allah / Muhammad rasul Allah" (The Profession of the Faith). Rev. Cufic legend around three lines of Cufic in the centre: "bi-amr al-qumis / akhu al-qumis / Ujār" (By order of the Count / the brother of the Count / Roger). MIN 65. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Die duplicate of Lowick Un ripostiglio di monete d'oro Islamiche e normanne da Agrigento, BdN 6-7 (1986), pages 145-166, coin 348.

Extremely rare. Extremely fine 500

WJC: The second line of the reverse inscription should have read "the brother of the Duke" since Duke of Apulia was the correct title of Roger's brother, Robert Guiscard. This is discussed by Lowick, page 154, but was likely the result of a die sinker's error.

2074

2074 Tarì, Palermo 466 AH (1073-1074 AD), AV 0.99 g. Date in outer Cufic legend around two lines of Cufic in the centre: "la ilah illa Allah / Muhammad rasul Allah" (The Profession of the Faith). Rev. Cufic legend around three lines of Cufic in the centre: "bi-amr al-qumis / akhu al-qumis / Ujār" (By order of the Count / the brother of the Count / Roger). MIN 65. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Die duplicate of Lowick Un ripostiglio di monete d'oro Islamiche e normanne da Agrigento, BdN 6-7 (1986), pages 145-166, coin 348.

Extremely rare. Very fine 500

Ex DNW sale 21 February, 1996, 94.

WJC: The second line of the reverse inscription should have read "the brother of the Duke" since Duke of Apulia was the correct title of Roger's brother, Robert Guiscard. This is discussed by Lowick, page 154, but was likely the result of a die sinker's error. Obverse die duplicate of previous coin. Ex Agrigento Hoard, 348-350.

2075

2075 Tarì, Palermo 466 AH (1073-1074 AD), AV 1.01 g. Obverse Cufic legend in three lines: "la ilah illa Allah / Muhammad rasul Allah / Ujār". Rev. Cufic legend around three lines of Cufic in the centre: "bi-amr al-qumis / akhu al-qumis / Ujār" . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Lowick unlisted. Unpublished. Very unusual die sinker's error with name Roger below the obverse Profession of Faith.

Possibly unique. Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise about extremely fine 1'500

ROGER I 'The Great Count' as COUNT of CALABRIA and SICILY, ca. 1072-1101.

2076

2077

2078

2076 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.99 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with pellet before and lunette after third line of inscription and with Cufic legend around. MIN 124. Spahr 4 var. MEC XIV not represented.
Very fine 150

2077 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.77 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with pellet before and lunette after third line of inscription and with Cufic legend around. MIN 124. Spahr 4 var. MEC XIV not represented.
Very fine 150

2078 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.28 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with pellet before and annulet after third line of inscription and with Cufic legend around. MIN 124 var. Spahr 4 var. MEC XIV not represented.
Very fine 150

2079

2079 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.97 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets and one above. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 126. Spahr 7 (this coin). MEC XIV, 83.
Struck on an exceptionally large flan of irregular shape. Good extremely fine 1'250

Ex Leu/M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr, 126.
WJC: Exceptional condition, completeness and size.

2080

2080 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.03 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets and one above. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 126. Spahr 7 or 11 (these are essentially the same type). MEC XIV, 83.
Struck on a very broad flan, minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 200

2081

2081 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.49 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets and one above. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 126. Spahr 7 or 11 (these are essentially the same type). MEC XIV, 83.
Minor areas of weakness on the obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 150

2082

2082 Tarì, Agrigento AH 491 (1098/9), AV 1.37 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by 3 pellets. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" surrounded by circular legend giving mint and date (491 AH). MIN 126.a. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted but see discussion on page 88.
Extremely rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 1'500

WJC: Exceptionally rare type naming Roger as Lord of Sicily. From the Agrigento mint.

2083

2083 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.1 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets.. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. Last line of reverse legend with annulet before and pellet after. MIN 127 var. Spahr 6 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 250

2084 2085

2084 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.25 g. Cufic legend around central simple Tau cross flanked by single pellets. There is a third tiny pellet in left field and several lines in die. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. Last line of reverse legend with lunette before and a pellet after. MIN 127 var. Spahr 6 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 175

2085 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.12 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 129. Spahr 23. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 100

2086

2087

2088

2086 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.71 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around; large pellet at beginning of second line. MIN 129. Spahr 23. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2087 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. Annulet before third line of reverse legend and pellet after. MIN 129 var. Spahr 23 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
About very fine 100

2088 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.71 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets and a smaller pellet over cross arm. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. Annulet before third line of reverse legend and pellet after. MIN 130/128. Spahr 9 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2089

2089 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.95 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets and a third pellet above cross arm. An additional pellet incorporated into shaft of cross, whose end is forked. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN unlisted but see 130. Spahr unlisted but see 9. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 250

2090

2090 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.41 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets and a row of three pellets above cross arm. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 131. Spahr 25. MEC XIV unlisted.
Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 150

2091 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.63 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by single pellets and a row of three pellets above cross arm. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 131. Spahr 25. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 175

2092 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.85 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by trefoil of pellets and a single pellet above cross arm. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 132. Spahr 28. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 421 (Palermo).
Very fine 150

2093 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.66 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross flanked by trefoil of pellets and a single pellet above cross arm. Two projections (? suspension ropes as on paintings of a later period?) extending down from cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 132. Spahr 28 (this coin). MEC XIV unlisted. MR 421 (Palermo).
Irregular flan, otherwise about extremely fine 400

Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 745. From the Spahr Collection.

2094 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.24 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross with curved ends to cross arm enclosing a pellet. Shaft of cross is flanked by pellets and there is a trefoil of pellets above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. Top and bottom lines of reverse legend are followed by an annulet. MIN unpublished but see 133. Spahr unpublished but see 27. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 421 for the type (Palermo).
Unpublished and possibly unique. Areas of weakness, very fine 750

2095

2096

2095 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.97 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross with a trefoil of pellets above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 134. Spahr 26. MEC XIV 84.
Struck on an irregular flan and slightly off-centre, otherwise very fine 150

2096 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.94 g. Cufic legend around central Tau cross with a trefoil of pellets above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 134. Spahr 26 (this coin). MEC XIV, 84.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 125

Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 744. From the Spahr collection.

2097

2097 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.14 g. Cufic legend (perhaps "al-imam...") around central Tau cross flanked by pair of lozenges, one above the other. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 135. Spahr 30. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare. Struck on a broad flan, but off-centre. About very fine. 300

2098

2098 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1 g. Cufic legend around Tau cross flanked by pair of pellets, not lozenges, one above the other. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 135 var. Spahr 30 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Possibly unique. Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 500

2099

2099 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.08 g. Cufic legend (off flan) around Tau cross flanked by pellets with star or sun over cross bar. Rev. Very decorative Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in four lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 136. Spahr 24. MEC XIV unlisted.
Exceedingly rare. Extremely fine 1'500

WJC: A very beautiful coin of excessive rarity.

2100

2100 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.14 g. Two rings of Cufic legends external: [...] al-imām sulṭān Si[qilliyya [...]; internal: bismillāh duriba bi-madīnat [...] around plain Tau cross. Rev. Cufic legend around the Profession of the Faith in two lines: lā ilāh illā allāh / Muḥammad rasūl Allāh. MIN 137. Spahr 31 (this coin). MEC XIV unlisted. Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 624-625, 83 (this coin published).

Light reddish tone and good extremely fine 2'000

WJC: A fantastic specimen of a very rare coin.

2101

2101 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically Messina ca.1085/87-1101, AV 1.08 g. Two rings of Cufic legends; external: duriba bi-madīnat [...]_internal: Mālik Rujār al-muʿtazz billāh around plain Tau cross with one pellet to l. and two to the r.; all within beaded circle. Rev. Cufic legend around the Profession of the Faith in two lines: lā ilāh illā allāh / Muḥammad rasūl Allāh within beaded circle. MIN 137 var. Spahr 31var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 500

2102

2102 Tarì, Palermo, Agrigento and hypothetically [Messina] ca.1085/87-1101, AV 0.86 g. Two rings of Cufic legends_external: [al-imām al-]nāṣir sulṭān Si[qilliyya][...] (the victorious imam sultan of Sicily) ...) internal: duriba bi-madīnat [...] wa-arbaʿ miʾa around plain Tau cross // Cufic legend: [bismil]lāh Muḥammad rasūl Allāh [...] around the Profession of the Faith in three lines illā Allāh / Muḥammad rasūl Allāh/ / lā ilāh. MIN 138. Spahr 32. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Extremely rare. Obverse slightly off-centre and minor areas of weakness,
otherwise very fine 500

Ex Artemide Aste L, 2018, 550.

WJC: The attribution to [Messina or Palermo] - rather than Agrigento - is based on the absence of the word madīna and the presence of the epithet 'al-sultan' ,which is present on the issues struck at Agrigento

Sicilian tari in the name of ROGER as count of Sicily, dated AH 467 (1074-1075).

2103

2103 Tarì, Palermo AH (4)67 (1074-1075), AV 1.54 g. Circular Cufic legend bi-amr Rujār qūmis Ṣiqilliyya (by Order of Roger count of Sicily) around plain Tau cross. Rev. Ṣiqilliyya (4)67 around Profession of the Faith in three lines lā ilāh /Muḥammad rasūl Allāh / illā Allāh. MIN 139. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted but see discussion on page 88. Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 624-625, 81 (this coin published). MIR unlisted.

Exceedingly rare and in exceptional condition for the issue, with the obverse legend fully readable. About extremely fine 2'000

Ex Bank Leu/M & M 11 March 1987, Spahr 129 and NAC 157, 2025, 30 sales.

WJC: Perhaps only one other specimen, that in the Biblioteca Communale di Palermo.

ROGER I (ca. 1085/87-1101) or early ROGER II TARI probably issued during his minority (1105-1111). All coins of MIN types 130, 130.a and 130.b are grouped below.

2104

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2104 Tarì, Agrigento, AV 1.03 g. Indecipherable Cufic legend but possibly: "( )al-imam sultan Siqilliyyah Rujār ( )" around central Tau cross with upturned ends and pellet on shaft of cross flanked by pellets and one pellet above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 130. Spahr 13-15. MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 88. MIR 7 and 421(Messina or Palermo).

Good very fine 150

WJC: This coin, like the following one (MIN 130.b), with both imam and sultan titles is considered to have been issued during the minority of Roger II.

2105 Tarì, Agrigento?, AV 1.07 g. Clear Cufic legend: "( )al-imam sultan Siqilliyyah Rujār ( )" around central Tau cross with upturned ends and pellet on shaft of cross flanked by pellets and one pellet above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 130.b. Spahr 13-15; MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 88. MIR 7 and 421(Messina or Palermo).

About extremely fine 175

2106 Tarì, Agrigento?, AV 1.07 g. Partially visible Cufic legend: "( )al-imam (sultan Siqilliyyah Rujār( )" around central Tau cross with upturned ends and pellet on shaft of cross flanked by pellets and one pellet above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 130.a. Spahr 13-15. MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 88. MIR 7 e 421(Messina or Palermo).

Good very fine 150

2107 Tarì, Agrigento?, AV 1.07 g. Partially visible Cufic legend: "( )al-imam sultan (Siqilliyyah Rujār( )" around central Tau cross with upturned ends and pellet on shaft of cross flanked by pellets and one pellet above cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend, the Profession of the Faith, in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with Cufic legend around. MIN 130.b. Spahr 13-15. MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 88. MIR 7 e 421(Messina or Palermo).

Good very fine 150

ROGER I and/or ROGER II, BILLON KHARRUBE

2108 2109 ex 2110 ex 2111 ex 2112

2108 Lot of ten coins: Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.22 g.; 0.26 g.; 0.38 g.; 0.32 g.; 0.23 g.; 0.27 g.; 0.35 g.; 0.24 g.; 0.33 g. and 0.16 g. Obverse and reverse are similar: Tau cross flanked by pellets on either side of shaft and above, all within plain circle and an outer circle of pellets. Rev. Tau cross flanked by pellets on either side of shaft and above, all within plain circle and an outer circle of pellets. Anepigraphic. MIN 142. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Fine to Very fine 250

2109 Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.4 g. Obverse: Trefoil of pellets above Cufic legend: "al-malik Rujār" all above small Tau cross. Rev. Trefoil of pellets above Cufic legend: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh" all above small Tau cross. MIN (second edition) 144/1; Spahr unlisted; MEC XIV unlisted.
The reading is absolutely clear. Dark green patina and good very fine 75

Ex Triton I, 1997, 1947 and NAC 56, 2010, 970 sales.

2110 Lot of seven coins: Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.17 g.; 0.41 g.; 0.28 g.; 0.68 g.; 0.43 g.; 0.52 g. and 0.38 g. Obverse: Trefoil of pellets above Kufic legend: "al-malik Rujār" all above small Tau cross. Rev. Trefoil of pellets above Kufic legend: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh" all above small Tau cross. MIN (second edition) 144/1; Spahr unlisted; MEC XIV unlisted.
The reading is absolutely clear. Fine to good very fine 200

2111 Lot of seventeen coins: Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.41 g.; 0.32 g.; 0.47 g.; 0.38 g.; 0.28 g.; 0.48 g.; 0.72 g.; 0.52 g.; 0.46 g.; 0.46 g.; 0.41 g.; 0.29 g.; 0.31 g.; 0.34 g.; 0.25 g.; 0.20 g. and 0.24 g. Obverse: Trefoil of pellets above Kufic legend: "al-malik Rujār" all above small Tau cross. Rev. Trefoil of pellets above Kufic legend: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh" all above small Tau cross. MIN (second edition) 144/1; Spahr unlisted; MEC XIV unlisted.
Fine to good very fine 300

2112 Lot of two coins: Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.25 g. and 0.38 g. Two lines of Cufic legend: "indecipherable" / "al-malik" separated by a star flanked by pellets. Rev. Star above Cufic legend: "al-mu'minin" all over Tau cross. MIN 145. Spahr 16 (Normanni Antichi). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 423.
About very fine 80

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1998.

2113.1 2113.2 ex 2114

2113 Lot of two coins: **2113.1** Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.26 g and 0.21 g. Hexagram formed from two intersecting triangles. Pellet in centre. Rev. Hexagram formed from two intersecting triangles. Pellet in centre. Anepigraphic. MIN 150. Spahr 21 (Normanni Antichi). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 427. **2113.2** Another: Perhaps two or three line (top line very faint) Cufic legend: "(illa Allah)/Muhammad rasul Allah" within a circle of pellets. Rev. Indecipherable Cufic legend around central star of seven points. Perhaps related to the issue of tari of type MIN 136?? MIN 153. Spahr 20 (Normanni Antichi). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 426.
Very fine 80

Privately purchased Italo Vecchi in 1998.

2114 Lot of two coins: Kharruba, Messina or Palermo, Billon 0.31 g. and 0.52 g. Three sets of parallel lines bearing Cufic script arranged in a star pattern all around central pellet. Rev. Three sets of parallel lines bearing Cufic script arranged in a star pattern all around central pellet. MIN unrecorded. Spahr unrecorded. MEC XIV unrecorded. MIR unrecorded.
About very fine 50

ROGER I, COPPER FOLLARI of MILETO

2115

2115 Follaro, Mileto 1085/7-1101, Æ 7.25 g. RO – GE / CO(under horizontal suspension mark) – ME (under horizontal suspension mark) in quarters of a jewelled cross, all within a circle of pellets. Rev. ✠ CALABRIE SICILIE around Tau cross with pellet above cross arm. MIN 156. MEC XIV, 88-91. MIR 494.

In exceptional condition for the issue. Dark tone and good extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 171.

WJC: Exceptionally large and by far the finest specimen that I have seen.

2116

2116 Follaro, Mileto 1085/7-1101, Æ 1.61 g. RO – GE / CO – ME in quarters of a jewelled cross, all within a circle of pellets. Rev. ✠ CALABRIE SICILIE around Tau cross with pellet above cross arm and pellets flanking shaft. MIN 157. MEC XIV, 87. MIR 495.

Good very fine 100

2117

2117 Follaro, Mileto 1085/7-1101, Æ 11.01 g. ROQ – E – RIVS COMES around figure of mounted Norman knight l., holding long shield and lance with standard. Rev. ✠ MARA (*sic!*) – MATER DИI around figure of the Virgin seated r., holding the Christ Child. MIN 160. MEC XIV, 93-100A. MIR 497.

In exceptional condition for the issue. Dark green patina and good extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 51, 1994, 291.

WJC: A phenomenal coin. By far the finest I have seen.

2118

2118 Follaro, Mileto 1085/7-1101, Æ 13.26 g. ROQ – [E] – RIVS COME – +S around figure of mounted Norman knight l., holding long shield and lance with standard. Rev. ✠ MARIA – [MATER DИI] around figure of the Virgin seated r., holding the Christ Child. MIN 160. MEC XIV, 93-100A. MIR 497.

Struck on a very broad flan and with a dark green patina. Minor areas of weakness on the reverse, otherwise good very fine 500

Ex Bank Leu/M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr, 131.

2119 2120

2119 Follaro, Mileto? 1085/7-1101, Æ 6.61 g. RO[.....]O – MЯ around figure of mounted Norman knight l., holding long shield and lance with standard. Rev. ✠ MARIA – [MAT]E[R DNI] around figure of the Virgin seated and facing r., holding the Christ Child. MIN 160. MEC XIV, 93-100A. MIR 497.

Very fine 150

WJC: Poor style. Local imitation? Compare this with previous and following coins.

2120 Follaro, Mileto? 1085/7-1101, Æ 3.47 g. Figure of mounted Norman knight r., holding long shield and lance within circle of pellets and meaningless legend outside. Rev. Meaningless legend around figure of the Virgin seated and Christ Child. MIN unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Brown tone and very fine 150

WJC: Local imitation?

2121

2121 Fractional follaro, Mileto? or South Italian mint 1085/7-1101, Æ 0.33 g. Nimbate bust facing, perhaps Virgin Orans. Rev. Tau cross with fragmentary legend around. MIN 2 160/2, this coin illustrated on page 9. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 490 (R4, this coin).

Possibly unique. About very fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste 18 December 2005, l16.

AMALFITAN TARI of LATE 11th CENTURY, probably issued under ROGER BORSA

2122

2122 Tarì, AV 0.76 g. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around facing head at centre. Rev. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around a cross moline with pellets and ends of cross arms. MIN 82. MEC XIV, 41. MIR 8. Friedberg 44.
Extremely rare. Light reddish tone and extremely fine 2'500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 838 (there as Gisulfo II).

ROGER BORSA, DUKE of APULIA, 1085-1111 AD. Sicilian issues.

2123 2124 2125 2126

2123 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.24 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with circular Cufic legend around. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al -duqah Rujār/nassara-hu" (By the order of Duke Roger whom [God] brings to victory). MIN 67. Spahr 2 (as Roger I, this coin illustrated on plate XVIII). MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 93. MIR unlisted.
Irregular flan, otherwise very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 722.

2124 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.19 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with circular Cufic legend around. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al -duqah Rujār/nassara-hu" (By the order of Duke Roger whom [God] brings to victory). MIN 67. Spahr 2 (as Roger I, this coin illustrated on plate XVIII). MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 93. MIR unlisted.
Very fine 150

Ex NAC Autumn sale 1995, 1070.

WJC: As previous with very clear central legends.

2125 Tarì, Palermo, AV 0.89 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with circular Cufic legend around. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al -duqah Rujār/nassara-hu" (By the order of Duke Roger whom [God] brings to victory). MIN 67. Spahr 2 (as Roger I, this coin illustrated on plate XVIII). MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 93. MIR unlisted.
Very fine 150

As previous with very clear legends including mint "Siqilliyyah".

2126 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.06 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa Allah/Muhammad rasul Allah/la ilah" with circular Cufic legend around. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al -duqah Rujār/nassara-hu" (By the order of Duke Roger whom [God] brings to victory). MIN 67. Spahr 2 (as Roger I, this coin illustrated on plate XVIII). MEC XIV not represented but see discussion on page 93. MIR unlisted.
Very fine 150

WJC: As previous, with very clear legends including mint "Siqilliyyah".

Salernitan issues of Roger Borsa

2127

2127 Tarì, Salerno, AV 0.93 g. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around R in central circle. Rev. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic legend around D and a pellet in central circle. MIN 85. Cappelli 62. MEC XIV, 102. MIR 554.
Very rare. Wavy flan and areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 1'800

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1598.

2128

2128 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 5.07 g. Facing, nimbate bust of St. Matthew between S – M. Rev. ROGE / RIVS / DVX in three lines. MIN 86. Cappelli 63. MEC XIV, 103-109. MIR 555.
Lovely green patina, traces of overstriking, good very fine 200

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1996.

2129

2129 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 4.59 g. Facing, nimbate bust of St. Matthew between S – M. Rev. [R]OGE / [RI]VS / [D]VX in three lines. MIN 86. Cappelli 63. MEC XIV, 103-109. MIR 555. Overstruck on a Byzantine anonymous follis of class "I'.
Very fine 120

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1996.

2130

2130 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 2.93 g. Facing, nimbate bust of St. Matthew between S – M. Rev. [ROGE / RIVS / D]VX in three lines. MIN 86. Cappelli 63. MEC XIV, 103-109. MIR 555.
About very fine 100

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1996.

2131

2131 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.61 g. Crowned facing bust holding sceptre in r. hand; stars flanking bust. Rev. ROGE / RIVS / DVX in three lines. MIN 87. Cappelli 66 (this coin illustrated on plate II). MEC XIV, 110-111. MIR 556 (this coin).
Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue.
Dark green patina and very fine / good very fine 1'500

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 275.

2132

2132 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 2.61 g. Crowned standing figure holding cross-tipped sceptre in l. hand. Rev. [R]OGE / RI[V]S / D[VX] in three lines. MIN 88. Cappelli 68. MEC XIV 112. MIR 557.
Very rare. Brown-green patina and very fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2133

2133 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.49 g. Diademed bust r. Rev. [RO]GE /[RI]·[V]S / [D]VX in three lines. MIN 89. Cappelli 69 (this coin and illustrated on plate II). MEC XIV not represented but see page 94. MIR 558 (this coin).

Exceedingly rare. Traces of overstriking, brown-green patina and very fine 2'000

WJC: Cappelli listed only three specimens.

2134

2134 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.78 g. Bust wearing crown with long pendilia, holding labarum in r. hand and globus cruciger in l. Rev. [R]OGGGR/[DI.D]VX/[S]ALERN/[O] in four lines. MIN 90. Cappelli 70. MEC XIV, 113-114. MIR 559. Overstruck on a follaro of type MIN 34.

Green patina and about extremely fine 750

WJC: a very nice example.

2135

2135 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 4.04 g. Bust wearing crown with long pendilia, holding labarum in r. hand and globus cruciger in l. Rev. [RO]GGGR / DI.DVX / SALER[N]/ [O] in four lines. MIN 90. Cappelli 70. MEC XIV, 113-114. MIR 559. Also overstruck on MIN type 34.

Dark green patina and about extremely fine 350

WJC: Another fantastic example.

ROGER BORSA follaro with Greek legend, probably struck in SALERNO though both Bari and Brindisi have been suggested

2136

2136 Follaro, Salerno?, Æ 3.16 g. Bust of Christ Pantocrator between IC – XC. Rev. [POΓE] / PIOC / ΔOV[ε] in three lines. MIN 91. MEC XIV, 115. MIR 560.
Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue.
Light green patina and about extremely fine 2'000

Ex NAC sale 57, 784. Privately purchased from Numismatica Fiorentina at NYINC on January 6, 2011.

WJC: An exceptionally fine example of an intriguing coin.

Anonymous Salernitan Follari probably attributable to ROGER BORSA

2137

2137 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.03 g. Facing bust with headdress holding labarum, flanked by A and Ω surmounted by suspensions marks. Rev. [D]VX /[I]TA SA / [LERNO] in three lines. MIN 92. Cappelli 71 (Guglielmo gran conte di Sicilia, duca di Puglia). MEC XIV, 116-117. MIR 561.
Dark green patina, traces of overstriking, otherwise about extremely fine 350

WJC: The bust has been described as "bust of Christ", but the headdress raises indeed questions on this identification.

2138

2138 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.15 g. Crowned bust facing between two towers. Rev. IT[A] – LIE Bust of ruler facing, holding sceptre. MIN 93. Cappelli 72 (Guglielmo gran conte di Sicilia, duca di Puglia). MEC XIV, 118-120. MIR 562.
Rare. Dark green patina, traces of overstriking. otherwise about extremely fine 750

ROGER BORSA and WILLIAM during his minority 1111-1114 AD.

2139

2139 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.38 g. Angel with small wings wearing loros standing facing, between two stars; small cross on breast. Rev. Central star of eight rays with R O above and W below. MIN unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Unique and unpublished. Very fine 750

FOULC de BASACERS, late 11th or early 12th Century

Foulc (or Fulco) de Basacers, Norman knight, likely from a minor noble lineage, was active in the Duchy of Apulia. He appeared in connection with the civil conflicts following the death of Robert Guiscard, when his sons Bohemond of Taranto and Roger Borsa struggled for control of Apulia; he seemed to have been aligned with Roger Borsa's faction, possibly as part of the Duke's following at Salerno, which served as one of Roger's political centres. His role was probably that of a military supporter or household knight, not a major baron—one of the many minor Norman chevaliers whose names appear fleetingly in charters or narrative sources (often Orderic Vitalis, William of Apulia, or Amatus of Montecassino). Like many such knights, he would have been involved in the localized fighting, castle garrisons, and political maneuvering that characterized Apulia's succession disputes.

2140

2140 Follaro, Salerno?, Æ 3.44 g. N / [...]VS Two diademed busts facing, holding a long cross or labarum between them. Rev. [FVLCO] / [DE]BΛ S[Λ] / [C]ERS in three lines. MIN 94. Cappelli 103. MEC XIV, 121-123. MIR 563. Overstruck on a coin of MIN 92.
Lovely dark brown tone and good very fine 350

WJC: nice patina and sharp details.

2141 2141

2141 Follaro, Salerno?, Æ 4.92 g. [RVC – DVX] Two diademed busts facing, holding a long cross or labarum between them. Rev. [...]S / S[...] / IΛ in three lines. MIN 94. Cappelli 103. MEC XIV, 121-123. MIR 563. Overstruck on a coin of MIN 92.
Dark green patina and very fine 200

2142

2142 Follaro, Salerno?, Æ 3.41 g. [RVC – DVX] Two diademed busts facing, holding a long cross or labarum between them. Rev. FVLCO / DE BA .../ [CERS] in three lines. MIN 94. Cappelli 103. MEC XIV, 121-123. MIR 563. Overstruck on a coin of MIN 92.
About very fine / very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: Legend relatively complete.

"RV CA TA" FOLLARO of uncertain attribution, late 11th Century

2143

2143 Follaro, Salerno?, Æ 3.45 g. Warrior prince standing facing, wearing jewelled cloak and a crown with pendilia. He is holding a sword in his r. hand and a scabbard in his l.; in l. field a tall palm tree, in r. field a cross. Rev. RV / CA – TA Jewelled cloak or garment with arms upraised. MIN 95. MEC XIV, 130A. MIR 564 (R4, this coin).
Exceedingly rare and in exceptional condition for the issue.
Dark green patina and extremely fine 1'200

Ex Credit Suisse Bern 2, 1984, 929 and Stack's January 9, 2009, Moneta Imperii Romani Bizantini, 3437.
WJC: By far the finest specimen of this coin that I have ever seen.

MANSO, VICE DUKE of AMALFI, late 11th Century

2144

2144 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 4.57 g. Facing bust holding labarum between two stars; a dot at l. of bust. Rev. MAN / SO VICE / DVX in three lines. MIN 68. Cappelli 42 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 124. MIR 16 (R3, this coin).
Extremely rare. Dark green patina, traces of overstriking, otherwise good very fine 1'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1591 and Stack's sale January 9, 2009, Moneta Imperii Romani Bizantini, 3438.

2145

2145 Follaro, Amalfi,, Æ 6.22 g. Facing, nimbate bust holding sceptre in r. hand; star in r. field. Rev. [MA]И/ SOVICE / DVX in three lines. MIN 70 (not illustrated in plates but see discussion on pages 258-259 and illustration on page 259, figure 29, item 70.b (this coin). Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV not represented but see page 96, 2. Bellizia 55. MIR 14 (R3, this coin).
Exceedingly rare. Obverse weakly struck, otherwise very fine 750

Ex Sambon sale 5 April 1897, 461.

2146

2146 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 1.01 g. ✠ MAN[ ] Open hand in field with shirt sleeve below. Rev. [MAN] / [S]O·VIC[E] / DVX in three lines; below, star. MIN 72. Cappelli 49 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 126. MIR 18 (R3).
Extremely rare. Pierced, otherwise very fine 1'000

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WJC: Cappelli lists only three specimens.

2147

2147 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 1.75 g. Facing bust with long hair or nimbus. Letter "O" in upper l. field is probably from an undertype. Rev. [ ]A[ ] /[ ]/ DV. MIN unrecorded. Cappelli unrecorded. MEC XIV unrecorded. MIR unrecorded. Overstruck on a coin of the previous type, MIN 72, with under type of a hand clear on the reverse.
Unpublished and presumably unique. Green patina and about very fine 350

2148

2149

2148 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 1.96 g. Tall crenellated frontal tower flanked by smaller towers with cupolas. Rev. [MANS] / [O]V[IC]E / DVX in three lines. MIN 73. Cappelli 40 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 125. MIR 19 (R3).
Extremely rare. Traces of overstriking, very fine 250

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 7.

2149 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 1.24 g. Tall crenellated frontal tower flanked by smaller towers with cupolas. A horizontal line of pellets below buildings. Rev. [MANSOVICEDVX...completely unreadable] around small circle of pellets within which is a cross. MIN 74. Cappelli 41 (Salerno). MEC XIV not represented but see page 96, 5. MIR 20 (R5).
Traces of overstriking and split edge, otherwise fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WJC: Not very nice but I have never seen another specimen and Cappelli apparently could not find one.

2150

2150 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 1.47 g. Bust l. wearing helmet with plumes; star in l. field. Rev. MΛИSOVC[ ] around small circle of pellets within which is a cross. MIN 77 (this coin). Cappelli 45 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 130. MIR 23 (R3, this coin).
Extremely rare. Traces of overstriking, otherwise very fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 8.

WJC: Cappelli identified two specimens; we disagree with MIR that gives only R3 to this issue.

2151

2151 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 2.1 g. Facing bust wearing crown with long pendilia between two crosses. Rev. [M]ANS[o] / [VIC E]D/ [VX] in three lines. MIN 78/69. Cappelli 44/43 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 129. MIR 24 (R3).
Extremely rare. Lovely green patina and very fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

This coin is a mule of MIN 78 obverse and MIN 69 reverse. Overstruck on MIN 34.

2152

2152 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 3.36 g. Facing bust wearing crown with long pendilia between two crosses. Rev. [MANSO] / V[I]CE[D] / V[X] in three lines. MIN 78/69. Cappelli 44/43 (Salerno). MEC XIV, 129. MIR 17/24 (R3). This coin is a mule of MIN 78 obverse and MIN 69 reverse. Overstruck on MIN 80.
Extremely rare. Brown tone and good very fine 750

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1592.

WJC: Like the previous coin, this type appears to be a mule of MIN 78/69, as is the example in MEC XIV, 129. Perhaps this is the normal reverse for MIN 78 and as suggested elsewhere MIN 69 does not exist as an independent type.

2153

2153 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 2.09 g. Bull facing right with IMA over back. Rev. [MANSO] / VICE[D] / V[X] in three lines. MIN 80. Cappelli 47 (Salerno, text drawing is this coin). MEC XIV, 127-128. MIR 25 (R3, this coin illustrated in line drawing).
Very rare and in unusually fine condition for the issue. Dark green patina and very fine 750

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WJC: The finest I have seen.

WJC: Although Manso was a common surname among the dukes of Amalfi in the 10th and 11th centuries, written sources do not allow us to attribute this issue to a precise duke of that name let alone explain the legend VICEDVX. The authors of MEC 14 however, are inclined to identify this Manso, even if they are doubtful and await new evidence, as the son or grandson of a Manso IV, Duke of Amalfi, deposed in 1053. One of the two could have been made vicedux by Roberto Guiscard or Roger Borsa, most probably the latter, noted for his good relations with the Lombards.

2154

2154 Follaro, Amalfi, Æ 3.87 g. Deer with antlers advancing r. with head turned back. Rev. MAN / ƨ[O]V[C] / EDV[X] in three lines. MIN 81 (this coin). Cappelli 48 (this coin). MEC XIV, not represented but see page 97, 10. MIR 27 (R5, this coin illustrated in line drawing).
Exceedingly rare. Struck on a very large flan and with a lovely light brown tone, traces of overstriking, otherwise very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

AMALFITAN TARI, auri tarenos bonos amalfitane, in quibus ubi crux formata pareat, of 1112 AD

2155

2155 Tarì, Amalfi 1112?, AV 0.91 g. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic script, the inner band containing a cross, all around a central small circle containing a pellet and a cross. Rev. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic script, the inner band containing a cross, all around a central small circle containing a pellet and a cross as on the obverse. MIN 97. MEC XIV, not represented but see discussion on page 97. MIR 12 (R3, Duchi amalfitani). Friedberg 42 (Anonymous ca. 1112).
Very rare. Very fine 1'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 836.

WJC: An exceptional coin in exceptional condition having two crosses on both obverse and reverse and perhaps cited in a document of 1112 AD regarding "taris ubi crux formata pareat" per Grierson and Travaini.

2156

2156 Tarì, Amalfi 1112?, AV 0.89 g. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic script, the inner band containing a cross, all around a central small circle containing a pellet and a cross. Rev. Two concentric circles of pseudo Cufic script, the inner band containing a cross, all around a central small circle containing a pellet and a cross as on the obverse. MIN 97. MEC XIV, not represented but see discussion on page 97. MIR 12 (R3, Duchi amalfitani). Friedberg 42 (Anonimous ca. 1112).
Very rare. About extremely fine 1'000

Ex Artemide Aste LIX, 2023, 816.

WILLIAM, FOLLARI of SALERNO

2157

2157 Follaro, Æ 1.13 g. Eight pointed star with pellet in each angle. Rev. [GVI] / DVX in two lines. MIN 101. Cappelli 76. MEC XIV not represented but see page 98, 4. MIR 573.
Very rare. Very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2158 Follaro, Æ 1.6 g. Eight pointed star with pellet in each angle. Rev. Cross with pellet in each quarter. MIN unlisted but see 101/107. Cappelli unlisted but see 76/82. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted but 573/582.

Presumably unique. About very fine 200

WJC: This is a mule of MIN 101 obverse and MIN 107 obverse, or more likely, a similar but previously undescribed type.

2159 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 2.88 g. and 1.55 g. Facing, nimbate bust of St. Matthew between two stars. Cross over head from under type. Rev. GVI / • /DV[X] in two lines. MIN 103. Cappelli 78. MEC XIV not represented but see page 98, 6. MIR 569.

About very fine 100

2160 Follaro, Æ 2.32 g. Unusual cross with circle enclosing a pellet at three ends of the cross (a decorated altar cross??). Rev. GV (GV are under a horizontal suspension mark) I / [D]VX in two lines. MIN obverse unlisted, 101 reverse. Cappelli obverse unlisted, 78 reverse. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR obverse unlisted, 573 reverse.

Unpublished and unique. Fine 400

Privately purchased from NAC 1996.

2161 Follaro, Æ 2.61 g. Facing bust of St. Matthew nimbate, with cross on breast, between S – M, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. [G]VI / DVX Latin cross between two stars. MIN 104. Cappelli 79. MEC XIV, 136. MIR 567 (this coin).

Rare. About extremely fine 300

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 285.

2162 Follaro, Æ 2.23 g. Cross pommée with pellet in each quarter, all within a decorated lozenge. Rev. [G]V[I]/[DVX] in two lines. MIN 105. Cappelli 80. MEC XIV, not represented but see page 98, #8. MIR 570 (R3). Overstruck on MIN 102?
Extremely rare. Dark green patina and about extremely fine / fine 200

WJC: Cappelli noted three specimens.

2163 Follaro, Æ 1.17 g. Large star of four rays with an X in each angle. Rev. [W] / D V / [X] in three lines. MIN 106. Cappelli 81. MEC XIV not represented but see page 99, 9. MIR 581 (R5).
Extremely rare. Traces of overstriking, otherwise about very fine 250

Ex NAC 20, 2000, 286 and NAC 56, 2010, 955.
Cappelli lists his specimen as unique.

2164 Follaro, Æ 2.64 g. Large star of four rays with a star in each angle. Rev. W / D [V /X] in three lines; a cross from the undertype is visible. MIN 106 var. Cappelli 81var. MEC XIV unlisted. Possibly overstruck on MIN 104.
Unpublished and perhaps unique. Very fine 250

2165 2166 2167 2168 2169

2165 Follaro, Æ 3.21 g. Facing angel with outspread wings. Rev. [W / DVX] in two lines. MIN 108. Cappelli 83. MEC XIV not represented but see page 99, 11. MIR 584.
Very fine / fine 80

Privately purchased from NAC.

2166 Follaro, Æ 2.19 g. Nimbate bust of St. Matthew facing between two small crosses. Rev. [W] /D ✷ [V/ X] around central star. MIN 109. Cappelli 84. MEC XIV not represented, but see page 99, 12. MIR 586.
Green patina and about very fine 50

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2167 Follaro, Æ 1.14 g. Asymmetric cross with a star in the 1st and 2nd quarters, a pellet in the 3rd and 4th. Rev. W / [D] V / [X] in three lines. MIN 111. Cappelli 86. MEC XIV not represented but see page 99, 14. MIR 583(R3).
Very rare. Fine 100

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 288.
WJC: Cappelli lists five specimens.

2168 Follaro, Æ 1.01 g. Man running r., holding a bow. Rev. [GVI] / [L]EM / [D]VƧ in three lines. MIN 112. Cappelli 97. MEC XIV, 137. MIR 578.
Rare. Very fine and about very fine 100

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 696.

2169 Follaro, Æ 1.83 g. Man running r., holding a bow. Rev.: G[VI /]LE[M/D]V[Ƨ] in three lines. MIN 112. Cappelli 97. MEC XIV 137. MIR 578.
Rare. About very fine 75

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 289.

2170

2170 Follaro, Æ 2.14 g. Dragon r. with star above, all within circular border of large pellets. Rev. W / D V / X in three lines. MIN 113. Cappelli 98. MEC XIV not represented but see page 99, 16. MIR 579 (R3, this coin). Possibly overstruck on MIN 104.
Good very fine 750

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 290.
An exceptionally rare coin in exceptional condition. I have never seen another and also in this case I do not agree with the R3 given by MIR to this issue.

2171

2171 Follaro, Æ 1.99 g. Bird standing l. looking backwards; pellet above and below body. Rev. GVI / DVX in two lines. Large pellet border. MIN 115 (this coin). Cappelli 100 (this coin and illustrated on plate III). MEC XIV unlisted but see page 99, 18. MIR 575 (R5, this coin).
Unique. Traces of overstriking, otherwise about extremely fine 750

Ex Cappelli collection.

2172 2173 2174

2172 Follaro, Æ 1.56 g. Agnus Dei moving l., looking backwards and holding long cross. Rev. [GV]I / [D]VX in two lines. MIN 116 (this coin illustrated). Cappelli 101 (this coin as unique). MEC XIV unlisted but see page 99, #19. MIR 576 (R4, this coin).
Unique. About very fine 200

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 297 (where it is illustrated upside down). Ex Cappelli collection.

2173 Follaro, Æ 2.67 g. Anchor cross with pellet at ends of straight arms. Rev. Cross fourchée with pellet at ends and stars in quarters. MIN 117. Cappelli 102. MEC XIV, 138. MIR 587 (R4).
Extremely rare. Dark tone. Minor areas of corrosion, otherwise about very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 298.
Cappelli identified three examples.

2174 Follaro, Æ 2.98 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between S – M. Rev. Cross pommée with VI – CT[O / [R]I – [A] in quarters. MIN 118. Cappelli 32 (Dominazione Capuana). MEC XIV, 132-133. MIR 565 (R4).
Extremely rare. Fine 200

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1583.
Cappelli identified two specimens. Obviously, there are at least three.

2175

2175 Follaro, Æ 2.42 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between S – M, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Cross pommée with V – V / DV – X in quarters. MIN 119. Cappelli 87. MEC XIV, 139-144. MIR 589.
Struck on a large flan and with a pleasant green patina, extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2176

2176 Follaro, Æ 2.85 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between S – M, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Cross pommée with V in 2nd quarter, DV in 3rd , and X in the 4th. MIN 119 var. Cappelli 87 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Green patina and extremely fine 250

Ex Vecchi sale I, 1996, 1280 and Stack's January 12, 2009, 3439 sales.
Unpublished variant and a beautiful coin.

2177 2178

2177 Follaro, Æ 1.45 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between S – M, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Cross pommée with [V] – V in 1st and 2nd quarters, D in 3rd and X in the 4th. MIN 120. Cappelli 88. MEC XIV, 145. MIR 591.
Very fine 80

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2178 Follaro, Æ 1.24 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between M – S, both under horizontal suspension marks Rev. Cross pommée with V in 1st and 2nd quarters, [D] in 3rd and [X] in 4th . MIN 120 var. Cappelli 89 (as unique). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 592 (R5).
Very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
Cappelli lists this as unique so this would be the second known.

2179

2179 Follaro, Æ 2.47 g. Head l. with curly hair. Rev. Star of eight rays with V – V in upper quarters and [DVX] below. MIN 121. Cappelli 95. MEC XIV, 146-147. MIR 588.
Very rare. Good very fine 250

Cappelli identified five examples.

2180.1 2180.2 2180.3

2180 Lot of three coins: Follaro, **2180.1** Æ 0.82 g.; **2180.2** Æ 1.54 g. and **2180.3** Æ 1.05 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate between two crosses. Rev. W. MIN 122, 122 var.(2) Cappelli 93, 93 var. and 94. MEC XIV, 148-149, 150 var. and unlisted. MIR 594, 596 and 595. About very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

ROGER II as count of CALABRIA and SICILY, 1105 - 1130

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2181 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.27 g. Tau cross with legend "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" r., centre then l. Rv. Cufic legend in three lines: "la ilaha/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/illa'llah" note the order of the top and bottom lines is switched from the usual order (There is no God but God, who has no companion) omitting any reference to Mohammad. The first and third lines are bounded by pellets. MIN 163. Spahr 33. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 428 (Palermo).
Good very fine 175

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 740

2182 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.85 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" note the traditional order of the reverse inscription (There is no God but God, who has no companion) omitting any reference to Mohammad. The first and third lines are bounded by pellets or small annulets. MIN 163 var. Spahr 33 var. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Unpublished variety. Good very fine 250

2183 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.94 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central "Tau" cross with extension above cross bar. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . The first and third lines are bounded by pellets or small annulets. MIN 163 var. Spahr 33 var. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Unpublished variety. Good very fine 175

2184 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.99 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with fleur for the base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . No flanking pellets or annulets. MIN 164. Spahr 34. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 (Palermo).
Reverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise good very fine 175

2185

2185 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with fleur for the base and with pellet between detached cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . No flanking pellets or annulets. MIN 164 variant. Spahr 34 var. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Unpublished. Good very fine / very fine 300

2186 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.9 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with fleur for the base and with pellet between detached cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . No flanking pellets or annulets. MIN 164 variant. Spahr 34 var. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 var. (Palermo). Die duplicate of previous coin.
Very fine 150

2187 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.93 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central "Tau" cross with fleur for the base and with cross shaft extending up to legend. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . No flanking pellets or annulets. MIN 165 variant. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Unpublished. Very fine 150

2188 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.86 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with fleur for the base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha". Annulets flanking top and bottom lines of legend. MIN 166. Spahr 45. MEC XIV, 152. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Good very fine / very fine 250

2189 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.69 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with fleur for the base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . Annulets flanking top and bottom lines of legend. MIN 166. Spahr 45. MEC XIV, 152. MIR 428 var. (Palermo).
Very fine 150

2190 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.97 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellet at end of horizontal cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 168. Spahr 38. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
Very fine 150

2191 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.48 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellet connected to form flower at end of horizontal cross arms. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 168 var. Spahr 38 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
Very fine 150

2192 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.44 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār./al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellet at end of horizontal cross arms. Pellet in obverse legend. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 168 var. Spahr 38 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
About very fine 120

2193 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.63 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellet below base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 169. Spahr 39. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
Rare. Reverse slightly off centre, very fine 150

2194 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 2.19 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets flanking the base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 170. Spahr 40. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
About very fine 150

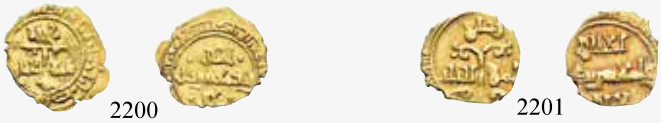
2195 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.01 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets flanking the base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 170. Spahr 40. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo).
About very fine 100

2196 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.55 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets connected to the base and at flowered ends and centre of cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 171. Spahr 42. MEC XIV, 153. MIR 429 (Palermo).
Reddish tone and very fine 150

2197 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 2.10 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets connected to the base and at flowered ends and centre of cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 171. Spahr 42. MEC XIV, 153. MIR 429 (Palermo).
Good very fine 150

2198 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.93 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross on " M " at the base and flowers at ends of horizontal arm and a pellet above the centre of horizontal arm. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" with an eight-pointed star below. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 unlisted.
Unpublished type and perhaps unique. Lenticular shape, very fine 400

2199 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.6 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets connected to the base and at flowered ends of cross arm. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 172. Spahr 43. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 429 (Palermo). Friedberg 632b (Messina, for the type).
Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 150


2200 2201

2200 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend: “bi-amr/.Rujār/al-thānī” above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets connected to the base and at flowered ends of cross arm. Pellet in obverse legend. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . Annulets flanking top and bottom lines of legend. MIN 172 variant. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise good very fine 150

2201 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.38 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/.Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets at flowered ends of cross arm and with floral scrolls flanking base of cross. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . MIN 173. Spahr 44. MEC XIV unlisted.

Good very fine 150

2202

2202 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1112-1130, AV 1.52 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/.Rujār/al-thānī" above and flanking large central Tau cross with pellets at flowered ends of cross arm and with floral scrolls flanking base of cross. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" . Pellet before top and bottom lines of inscription. MIN 173 variant. Spahr 44 var. MEC XIV unlisted.

Unpublished and perhaps unique. Good very fine 200

2203

2203 Concave follaro, Messina 1112-1127, Æ 5.73 g. Roger II seated on a backless throne holding a long cross in r. hand; Я /II in field to r. of figure. Rev. Bust of Christ between GE – ƨ / ƨV. MIN 174. Spahr 48. MEC XIV, 154-160. MIR 15.

In exceptional condition for the issue. Dark-green patina and extremely fine 250

WJC: A fantastic example.

2204

2204 Concave follaro, Messina 1112-1127, Æ 7.24 g. Roger II seated on a backless throne holding a long cross in r. hand; Я /II in field to r. of figure. Rev. Bust of Christ between GE – ƨ / ƨV. MIN 174. Spahr 48. MEC XIV, 154-160. MIR 15.

Green patina and very fine 150

2205

2205 Concave follaro, Messina 1112-1127, Æ 8.47 g. Roger II seated on a backless throne holding a long cross in left hand; R/II in field to left of figure. Rev. Bust of Christ between GE – S/ ƧV. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, 161 (flattened). MIR unlisted.
Very rare. Very fine 150

As Duke of Apulia, 1127-1130.

2206

2207

2206 Follaro, Messina 1127-1130, Æ 4.06 g. Roger II standing wearing Byzantine imperial regalia with cross on shaft and globus cruciger; R / II in field to l. of figure. Rev. Christ seated on high backed throne. MIN 175. Spahr 53. MEC XIV, 162-164. MIR 17.
Dark green patina and good very fine 125

2207 Follaro, Messina 1127-1130, Æ 5.58 g. Roger II standing wearing Byzantine imperial regalia with cross on shaft and globus cruciger; R / II in field to l. of figure. Rev. Christ seated on high backed throne. MIN 175. Spahr 53. MEC XIV, 162-164. MIR 17.
Brownish tone and good very fine 125

2208

2208 Follaro, Messina 1127-1130, Æ 4.5 g. Roger II standing wearing Byzantine imperial regalia with cross on shaft and globus cruciger; R / II in field to l. of figure. Rev. Long cross with floriate ends and IC – XC / NI – KA (each under a horizontal suspension mark) in quarters. MIN 176. Spahr 54. MEC XIV, 165-169. MIR 20.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Brown tone and extremely fine 500

Ex Nomisma sale 37, 2008, 959.
WJC: The finest I have seen.

ROGER II, EARLY FOLLARI of SALERNO

2209

2209 Follaro, Salerno 1127-1130, Æ 1.95 g. ✠ ROGER[IVS DVX] Bare head facing three quarters r. Rev. IC – XC both under horizontal suspension marks in upper quarters of anchor cross. MIN 177. Cappelli 104. MEC XIV, 170-171. MIR 597.
Very fine 250

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2210.1 2210.2

2210 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Salerno 1127-1130, **2210.1** Æ 2.11 g. and **2210.2** Æ 1.27 g. Bust of St. Matthew nimbate facing between S and M, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. ROG[E] / RIV[S] / [D]VX in three lines. MIN 178 and 178 var. Cappelli 105 (and 106) and 106 var. MEC XIV, 172-175 and unlisted MIR 598 and 598 var.
Good very fine and fine 250

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

COINS of ROGER as KING of SICILY, 1130-1154

2211

2211 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1130-1131, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-malik" above and flanking large central Tau cross with a fleur on either side of base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" (There is no God but God, who has no companion) omitting any reference to Mohammad. MIN 180. Spahr 36 (this coin, legend misread). MEC XIV not represented but see page 111, 1. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 2'500

Ex Bank Leu / M&M Sale 11th March 1987, Spahr 133 (attributed to Roger II Count).
The first issue as King of Sicily. Exceedingly rare, perhaps three known specimens.

2212

2212 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1130-1131, AV 0.72 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr/Rujār/al-malik" above and flanking large central Tau cross with a fleur on either side of base. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "illa'llah/wahada-hu la shrik la-hu/la ilaha" (There is no God but God, who has no companion) omitting any reference to Mohammad. MIN 180. Spahr 36 (legend misread). MEC XIV not represented but see page 111, 1. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 2'000

WJC: Obverse die duplicate of previous coin. Reverse similar to previous coin but of better style.
Exceedingly rare, perhaps three known specimens.

2213

2213 Tarì, Palermo and Messina 1130-1132, AV 0.9 g. Three line Arabic/Cufic inscription on both sides reading: bi-amr al-mu'tazz / billāh al-malik al-(...) / Ruj(j)ār al-thānī (By the order of the powerful / through God the King (...) / Roger the second). Rev. Four pellets arranged as a cross over bi-sm / al-masīḥ huwa ibn / al-ṣaḥīḥ (In the name of / the Christ He is the son of / the authentic [God]). MIN 181. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 111, 2. Spinelli number 227, plate 5.3. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.

Good very fine 12'500

An exceptionally rare and historically important issue of Ruggero II, this tarì is notable for the appearance (for the first time in the coinage of the Norman kings of Sicily) of an explicit reference to Christ within the Arabic legend. The introduction of the name of Christ into the traditionally Arabic-Islamic epigraphic formula represents a remarkable expression of the religious and political synthesis that characterised the multicultural kingdom of Sicily under Norman rule. The coin thus stands as a particularly significant testimony to the coexistence of Latin, Greek and Arabic traditions at the royal court of Palermo, and to the distinctive character of Ruggero II's monetary policy. Its extreme rarity further enhances its importance within the Norman coinage of Sicily.

WJC: Although a similar coin was published by Spinelli in 1844 and by Travaini in 1995, the reverse legend has never been correctly published nor appreciated. Thanks to Prof. Dr. Arianna D'Ottone for her translation. This is the only tari of which I am aware that refers to Christ. It is likely the first or second (see preceding tarì) issue of Roger as King of Sicily. The use of the al-thānī suffix would no longer be appropriate as he was the first king of that name. It was eliminated from all of his subsequent tarì. All of his later coins demonstrate their Christian character by the presence of the reverse cross and the IC XC inscription. I have never seen another coin of this type.

2214 2215 2216 2217 2218

2214 Tarì, Palermo 1131-1140, AV 1.18 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" ("The powerful through God the King Roger the great"); single annulet above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 184. Spahr 56. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 111, 3. MIR 430.

About very fine 125

2215 Tarì, Palermo 1131-1140, AV 2.01 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam". Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two pellets at the end of each arm (three pellets at the end of the top arm) and with IC – XC / NI – KA I in the quarters. MIN 185 var. Spahr 57 var. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 111, 3. MIR 430.

Areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 125

2216 Tarì, Palermo 1131-1140, AV 1.06 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam". Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters (two pellets in third quarter above NI). MIN 185-186 var. Spahr 57 var. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 111, 3. MIR 430.

About very fine 125

2217 Palermo 1131-1140, AV 1.9 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 186. Spahr 59. MEC XIV, 177. MIR 430.

Good very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 748.

2218 Tarì, Palermo 1131-1140, AV 0.82 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 186. Spahr 59. MEC XIV, 177. MIR 430.

Minor areas of weakness, good very fine 125

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2219 Tarì, Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.19 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Probably two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. Annulet on either side of the base of the cross. MIN 187. Spahr 58. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Extremely fine 150

2220 Tarì, Messina 1131-1140, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend in three lines: “al-mu’tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu’azzam” . Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. Annulet on either side of the base of the cross each attached to the border. MIN 187 var. Spahr 58 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Unusually clear annulet attachments on reverse. Wavy flan, otherwise very fine 200

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 974.

2221 Tarì, Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.29 g. Cufic legend in three lines: “al-mu’tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu’azzam” . Two annulets above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. Annulet on either side of the base of the cross each attached to the border. MIN 187 var. Spahr 58 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Very fine 125

WJC: Unusually clear annulet attachments on reverse.

2222 Tarì, Messina or uncertain mint 1131-1140, AV 1.30 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Probably two annulets (or pellets) above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 185/189. Spahr 57. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
About very fine 125

2223

2223 Tarì, Palermo or Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.7 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Six-pointed star above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two/three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 190 (uncertain mint). Spahr 60 (Messina and Palermo). MEC XIV, 176 (Messina or Palermo). Balog “La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell’Italia meridionale” in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 626-627, 100 (this coin). MIR 430 (Palermo).
Extremely fine 1’500

WJC: Fine style, fantastic condition.

2224 2225 2226 2227

2224 Tarì, Palermo or Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.29 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Six-pointed star above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two/three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 190 (uncertain mint). Spahr 60 (Messina and Palermo). MEC XIV, 176 (Messina or Palermo). Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 626-627, 100. MIR 430 (Palermo).
Good very fine 150

2225 Tarì, Palermo or Messina 1131-1140, AV 2.26 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Six-pointed star above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two/three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 190 (uncertain mint). Spahr 60 (Messina and Palermo). MEC XIV, 176 (Messina or Palermo). Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 626-627, 100. MIR 430.
Heavy weight and rare thus, good very fine 200

2226 Tarì, Palermo or Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.94 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam" . Six-pointed star above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with three pellets at the end of first, second and third cross arms and two pellets at end of fourth arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 190 variant. (uncertain mint). Spahr 60 var. (Messina and Palermo). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 430 (Palermo).
Extremely fine 250

2227 Tarì, Palermo or Messina 1131-1140, AV 1.36 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār/al-mu'azzam". Six-pointed star above. Rev. Equal armed cross potent with two/three pellets at the end of each arm and with IC – XC / NI – KA in the quarters. MIN 190 var. (uncertain mint). Spahr 60 var. (Messina and Palermo). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 430. Worn dies.
Very fine 125

2228 2229 2230 2231

2228 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Messina ca. 1130-1138, Æ 1.11 g. and 1.92 g. P / O / Γ/ E / PI / O – P / И / 3 Roger standing facing, holding sword and sceptre. Rev. IC✤XC✤NI✤KA✤ around cross pattée. MIN 191. Spahr 78. MEC XIV 178-179. MIR 28 (1141-1154).
About extremely fine and about very fine 75

2229 Follaro, Messina ca. 1130-1138, Æ 1.44 g. P /O / Γ / E / P / I / O/ C – A / N/ A / 3 The King enthroned. Rev. IC–XC / NI–KA in the quarters of cross pattée. MIN 192. Spahr 77. MEC XIV 180-182. MIR 27.
Very fine 75

2230 Follaro, Messina 533 AH (1137/1138), Æ 1.51 g. Bust of Christ facing blessing between IC and XC, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Arabic script in four lines (dated 533 AH in last line): "al-malik/al-mu'azzam Rujār/al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/533". MIN 193. Spahr 62. MEC XIV, 197 and see page 116 (d). MIR 31.
Very fine 75

2231 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Messina 533 AH (1137/1138), Æ 1.15 g. and 0.95 g. Bust of Christ facing blessing between IC and XC, both under horizontal suspension marks. Rev. Arabic script in four lines (dated 533 AH in last line): "al-malik/al-mu'azzam Rujār/al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/533". MIN 193. Spahr 62. MEC XIV, 197 and see page 116 (d). MIR 31.
About extremely fine and fine 75

Continental issues, mint of Salerno

2232

2232 Tarì, Salerno 1130-1140, EL 0.86 g. Cufic legend in three lines with star above: "Rujja/al-malik/r" (The King, Roger). Rev. Cufic legend in three lines with star between first and second lines: "nasir/al-Nasra/niyyah" (Protector of Christianity) Spinelli plate VI, 21 (this coin). CNI XVII, p 324, 2. MIN 196. Cappelli 108. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 113. MIR 600 note. Friedberg unlisted (1008?)

Unique. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 15'000

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVII, 2017, 508. From the Spinelli Principe di San Giorgio collection.

WJC: A beautiful coin in its simplicity.

2233

2233 Tarì, Salerno 1130-1140, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend in three lines with RX(ligate) and pellet above: "Rujja/al-malik/r" (The King, Roger). Rev. Cufic legend in three lines with R surmounted by pellet between first and second lines: "nasir/al-Nasra/niyyah" (Protector of Christianity) MIN 198. Cappelli 109. MEC XIV, 184. MIR 601 (R4). Friedberg unlisted (1008?).

Exceedingly rare. Large areas of weakness, otherwise about very fine 1'500

Ex Spink 13 July 2000, Dreesmann, 86 and NAC 56, 2010, 957 sales.

Possibly the second known. The other is the MEC coin.

2234

2234 Follaro, Salerno or Messina 1130-1135/40?, Æ 2.5 g. Arabic legend around central "Rujar". Rev. Cross on two steps; below, "al-malik" . Border of dots. MIN 199. Spahr unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV not represented but see page 114 and 124, 1. MIR 602 (Salerno).

Rare. Very fine 75

Capua mint

2235

2235 Follaro, Capua ca. 1134?, Æ 2.14 g. Nimbate bust of St. Stephen between ƨ / T – ƨ. Rev. [R]✤O✤R ✤X all around central cross with pellets in quarters. MIN 201. MEC XIV, 185-187. MIR 397.

Very fine 75

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 82 (part of).

FOLLARI of ANFUSUS (third son of Roger II) as PRINCE of CAPUA, 1135-1144

ex 2236 | 2237 | ex 2238 | 2239 | 2240 | 2241

2236 Lot of six coins: Follaro, Capua 1135-1144, Æ 1.33 g., 1.96g., 1.22 g., 0.99 g., 0.62g., 1.15g. Haloed figure bearing sword or sceptre over right shoulder and holding shield in left hand [?P]A/N vertically in l. field. Rev. Pseudo-Cufic legend with a small cross above and below. MIN 203. MEC XIV, 188. MIR 134 (Bari, Ruggero II).
Fine to very fine 75

2237 Follaro, Capua 1135-1144, Æ 1.25 g. Mounted knight riding r., carrying a lance. Rev. Cross with A – И / P – R/ I in the quarters. MIN 204. MEC XIV, 189. MIR 401.
Very fine 100

2238 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Capua 1135-1144, Æ 2.31 g. and 1.12 g. Mounted knight riding r., carrying a lance. Rev. Cross with A – И / P – R/ I in the quarters. MIN 204. MEC XIV, 189. MIR 401.
Very fine 75

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 75 (part of).

2239 Follaro, Capua 1135-1144, Æ 1.13 g. Mounted knight riding r. carrying a lance. Rev. Cross with A – D / P – RI in the quarters. MIN 204.b or 204.c. MEC XIV not in collection but see discussion on page 115. MIR unlisted.
About very fine 75

It is suggested in MEC that these rare coins reading A D P RI were issued after his acquisition of the Duchy of Naples in 1140.

2240 Follaro, Capua? 1135-1144, Æ 0.95 g. Horse r. with AN above and T below. Reverse is blank. Repertorio 480 (Atenolfo, tessera). MIN page 286, note 3. MEC XIV, unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Very rare. About very fine 75

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 76.

2241 Capua or more likely Massalia ca 49-27 BC., Æ 1.88 g. Helmeted bust facing right with MA below. Rev. Winged caduceus. MIN 207. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 115. Travaini, NC 1996, pp. 241-243.
Very fine 50

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 77.

CITY COINAGES of 1137-1139/1140

2242

2242 **Capua.** Follaro, Æ 1.64 g. S(under suspension mark) / S / [T] vertically to r. of half-length figure of St. Stephen facing with r. hand raised in benediction. Rev. Circle of stars around cross on crescent. MIN 208. MEC XIV, 192. MIR 399.
Unusual condition for this issue, about extremely fine 500

WJC: A beautiful example.

2243 **Bari.** Follaro 1139/1140, Æ 1.71 g. Ⓐ / NI – K/ ΛO / OA Nimbate bust of St. Nicholas facing. Rev. Arabic legend: "umila bi-Bari sanat 534" (made in Bari in the year five hundred thirty four (1139/1140)) around central pellet. MIN 209. MEC XIV not represented but see page 116, (b). MIR 130 note.
Rare. Very fine 300

2244 **Bari.** Follaro 1139/1140, Æ 2 g. Ⓐ /NI – K/ ΛO / OA (*sic!*) Nimbate bust of St. Nicholas facing. Rev. Arabic legend: "umila bi-Bari sanat 534" (made in Bari in the year five hundred thirty-four (1139/1140)) around central star. MIN 210. MEC XIV, 193-195. MIR 130.
Rare. Extremely fine 350

Ex NAC sale 68, 2012, 5.
A beautiful specimen.

2245 **Messina.** Follaro 1130-1140, Æ 1.35 g. V / O – N / I /[KO /Λ] Nimbate bust of St. Nicholas facing. Rev. [ΕΓΙΝΗΤΟ /ΕΙC T[HNΠO] /ΛIN ME[CC] / ENE[C] (Produced in the city of Messina). MIN 211. MEC XIV, 196. MIR 24.
Very fine 75

2246 **Messina.** Follaro 1130-1140, Æ 1.36 g. V/O – N[I]/ KO /ΛΑO Nimbate bust of St. Nicholas facing. Rev. ΕΓΙΗΕΤΟ / CIC THH Π /[O]ΛIN MECC / HNHC · (Produced in the city of Messina). MIN 211. MEC XIV, 196. MIR 24.
About extremely fine 1200

COINAGE of LOTHAR III in SALERNO, 1137 AD

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2247 Follaro, Salerno 1137, Æ 1.37 g. IC – XC under suspension marks at sides of Calvary Cross on three steps. Rev. IN – PE under suspension mark / imperial crown / [.E] in three lines. MIN 213. Cappelli 155. MEC XIV, 280-281. MIR 653.
About very fine 50

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2248 Follaro. Salerno 1137, Æ 1.52 g. Facing head wearing imperial crown with pendilia. Rev. INPE (NP ligate) / .E in two lines. MIN 214. Capelli 156. MEC XIV not represented but see page 126, 2. MIR 654.
Very rare. About very fine / fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: This coin provides a better idea of the correct obverse type for this exceedingly rare coin: The head wears an imperial crown with pendilia. It is not uncrowned as shown in Cappelli or MIN.

COINAGE of ROGER II in SALERNO, circa 1138-1140 AD

2249 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Salerno 1138-1140, Æ 1.25 g. and 1.27 g. ·R· –·O· / ·R· – ·E· in quarters of cross. Rev. ·P· – ·A· / ·X· – ·I· in quarters of cross. MIN 215. Cappelli 152. MEC XIV, 238. MIR 607.
Very fine and about very fine 75

WJC: The reverse possibly referring to PAX Italiae after the reconquest of Salerno and the suppression of revolts.

COINAGE of ROGER II in SICILY, post coinage reform of 1140

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2250 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.12 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.
Extremely fine 175

Ex DNW sale February 1996, 115.

2251 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 0.99 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.
About extremely fine 150

2252 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 0.88 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.
Extremely fine 150

2253 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.13 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Extremely fine 150

2254 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.22 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Extremely fine 150

2255 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.23 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Extremely fine 150

2256 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.24 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around half moon shape reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Extremely fine 150

2257 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.56 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Good very fine 125

2258 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.07 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 431.

Minor areas of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 150

2259 Tarì, Messina 1140-1154, AV 1.41 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend on obverse not legible. Rev. Outer legend reading: "duriba bi-Masina sanat..." around cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. MIN 216 (but not listed for Messina). Spahr 63. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 22 note.

Rare. About extremely fine 200

Unrecorded mint for the type.

2260 2261 2262 2263

2260 Tarì, Palermo? 1140-1154, AV 0.9 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet within circle with six pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-[madinat Siqilliyyah] sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 69. MEC XIV, 201-203. MIR 431.
Good very fine 125

2261 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.6 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet within circle with six pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 69. MEC XIV, 201-203. MIR 431.
About extremely fine 125

2262 Tarì, Palermo? 1140-1154, AV 0.66 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet within circle with six pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-[madinat Siqilliyyah] sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216. Spahr 69. MEC XIV, 201-203. MIR 431.
Very fine 100

2263 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.75 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet within circle with six pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by IN (ligate) – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 216 var. Spahr 69 bis. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 431.
Very fine 125

2264 2265 2266

2264 Tarì, Messina 1140-1154, AV 0.89 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet flanked by a smaller pellet on either side; all within circle reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-Masina sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 218. Spahr 66. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 22.
About extremely fine 125

2265 Tarì, Messina? 1140-1154, AV 1.14 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet flanked by a smaller pellet on either side; all within circle, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba [bi-Masina]sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 218. Spahr 66. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 22.
Very fine 100

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 185.

2266 Tarì, Messina? 1140-1154, AV 1.2 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet flanked by a smaller pellet on either side all within circle, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba [bi-Masina]sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 218. Spahr 66. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 22.
Very fine 125

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2267 Tarì, Messina 1140-1154, AV 1.25 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around six-pointed star within circle, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-Masina sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 219. Spahr 71. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 22.
Very fine 100

2268 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 0.99 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around six-pointed star within circle, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 219.a. Spahr 71. MEC XIV, 199. MIR 431.
Very fine 100

Ex Bertolami sale 52, 2018, 711.

2269 Tarì, Messina 1140-1154, AV 1.67 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-Masina sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Annulet in upper quarters of cross. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 220. Spahr 64. MEC XIV, 208-209. MIR 22.
About extremely fine 125

2270 Tarì, Messina 1140-1154, AV 1.01 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-Masina sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Annulet in upper quarters of cross. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 220. Spahr 64. MEC XIV, 208-209. MIR 22.
Very fine 125

2271 Tarì, Messina? 1140-1154, AV 1.45 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet flanked by a smaller pellet on either side; all within a circle, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: "duriba bi-[Masina] sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Annulet in upper quarters of cross. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 222. Spahr 67. MEC XIV, 205. MIR 431.
Very fine 125

2272

2272 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 0.93 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around two central pellets; all within a circle which has six pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: : "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Extremely fine 200

WJC: An unpublished type combining features of MIN 217 and 224 or Spahr 65 and Spahr 69. Clearly reading Palermo mint.

2273

2273 Tarì, Palermo 1140-1154, AV 1.06 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around two central pellets; all within a circle which has eight pellets on it, reading: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'tazz bi-llāh". Outer circular Cufic legend reading: : "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah sanat..." Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI – KA below. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.

An unpublished type combining features of MIN 217 and 224 or Spahr 65 and Spahr 69.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 150

WJC: Clearly reading Palermo mint.

COINAGE of ROGER II in AMALFI, post coinage reform of 1140

2274

2274 Tarì, Amalfi after 1140, AV 0.89 g. Double circular pseudo-Cufic legend around R in centre. Rev. Double circular Cufic legend around cross in centre. MIN 226. MEC XIV, 228. MIR 30.

Rare. Good very fine 750

2275

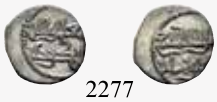
2275 Tarì, Amalfi after 1140, AV 0.89 g. Double circular pseudo-Cufic legend around R in centre. Rev. Double circular Cufic legend around cross with a single pellet above in centre. MIN 227. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 30 note.

Rare. Light reddish tone and good very fine 750

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 837.

ROGER II post coinage reform of 1140, mint in Sicily

ex 2276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2276 Lot of four coins: Kharruba after 1140, Billon 0.35 g.; 0,34 g.; 0.22 g.; and 0.28 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-malik/Rujār al-mu'azzam/bi-amr" Rev. Circular Cufic legend: "al-malik Rujār al-mu'azzam" around five pellets arranged as a cross in centre. MIN 237 (but MIN reading is incorrect). Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 112. MIR unlisted. "Rujar" in reverse legend not noted by Travaini but reading here is clear.
Fine to very fine 75

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1998.

2277 Double kharruba? Palermo AH 534 (1139/1140), Billon 0.71 g. Arabic legend in two lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār". Rev. Arabic legend in two lines: "duriba sanata arba'a/wa thalathina khmsumi'at" (Struck in the year Five hundred thirty four). MIN 240. Spahr 61. MEC XIV, 198. MIR 434 (quarto di dirhem)
Very fine 75

2278 Kharruba, Palermo AH 534 (1139/1140), Billon 0.31 g. Arabic legend in two lines: "al-mu'tazz bi-llāh/al-malik Rujār". Rev. Arabic legend in two lines: "duriba sanata arba'a/wa thalathina khmsumi'at" (Struck in the year Five hundred thirty four). MIN 240. Spahr 61. MEC XIV, 198. MIR 434 (quarto di dirhem).
Very fine 50

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1998.

2279

2279 Kharruba, Messina 1140 and later, Billon 0.32 g. Bearded head r., wearing plumed helmet. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al-malik/Rujar" . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, not represented but see discussion of this coin on page 112. D'Angelo in Schweitzer Munzblatter 46 (1996), 181 (this coin). MIR 23 (R4, this coin).
About extremely fine 350

2280

2280 Kharruba, Messina 1140 and later, Billon 0.47 g. Bearded head r., wearing plumed helmet. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al-malik/Rujar" . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, not represented but see discussion of this coin on page 112. D'Angelo in Schweitzer Munzblatter 46 (1996), 181. MIR 23.
Very rare. Green patina and very fine 350

Ex NAC 20, 2000, 760 and 56, 2010, 979 sales.

2281 Kharruba, Messina 1140 and later, Billon 0.36 g. Head wearing plumed helmet facing r. with cross on breastplate of four pellets. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al-malik/Rujar" . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, not represented. MIR unlisted.
Presumably unique. Dark tone and very fine 500

WJC: I have never seen another.

2282 Kharruba, Messina 1140 and later, Billon 0.57 g. Bust with bare head r., wearing cuirass with r. arm bent below bust. Rev. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-amr/al-malik/Rujar" . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, not represented. MIR unlisted.
Presumably unique. Dark tone and good very fine / very fine 500

WJC: I have never seen another.

2283 Kharruba, Messina 1140 and later, Billon 0.93 g. Bare or veiled head r. Rev. Obverse brockage. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Dark tone and struck on a rectangular flan, very fine 150

2284 Double kharruba?, Billon 0.72 g. Six geometric figures each trapezoidal and with a central pellet arranged around a star of six points. Rev. Uncertain design . MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Very fine 75

Ex Artemide Aste L, 2018, 599.

2285

2285 Ducalis, Palermo 1140, AR 2.62 g. ✠ IC·XC·RG – IN ÆTRN· Bust of Christ Pantocrator with a cross nimbus and a U above each horizontal arm of the cross. Rev. Roger II standing r. wearing imperial regalia and his son, Roger, duke of Apulia, bare headed and with sword standing l. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. On l. R· / ·DX·/ AP (AP ligate). Between the figures: AN (ligate)/ R / X· On r. ·R/ R (the cross of the globus cruciger serving as an X) SLS·. MIN 241. Spahr 72. MEC XIV, 212-213. MIR 422.

Good very fine 600

Ex Leu / NFA sale October 16-18, 1984, Garret 904 and previously purchased from J. Schulman, Amsterdam 15 March 1922.

A beautiful specimen.

2286

2286 Ducalis, Palermo 1140, AR 2.83 g. ✠ IC·XC·RG – IN ÆTRN· Bust of Christ Pantocrator with a cross nimbus and a U above each horizontal arm of the cross. Rev. Roger II standing on the r. wearing imperial regalia and his son, Roger, duke of Apulia, bare headed and with sword standing on the l. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. On l. R· / ·DX·/ AP (AP ligate). Between the figures: AN (ligate)/ R / X· On r. ·R/ R (the cross of the globus cruciger serving as an X) SLS·. MIN 241. Spahr 72. MEC XIV, 212-213. MIR 422.

About extremely fine 400

2287

2287 Ducalis, Palermo 1140, AR 2.85 g. ✠ IC·XC·RG – IN ÆTRN· Bust of Christ Pantocrator with a cross nimbus and a U above each horizontal arm of the cross. Rev. Roger II standing on the r. wearing imperial regalia and his son, Roger, duke of Apulia, bare headed and with sword standing on the l. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. On l. R· / ·DX·/ AP (AP ligate). Between the figures: A I (sic!)/ R / X· On r. ·R/ R (the cross of the globus cruciger serving as an X) SLS·. MIN 241 var. Spahr 72 var. MEC XIV, 212-213 var. MIR 422 var.

Very fine 250

2288

2288 Ducalis, uncertain mint (Messina or in Apulia?) 1140, AR 2.72 g. ✠ IC·XC·R6· – IN·ÆTAR (?) Bust of Christ Pantocrator with a cross nimbus and a U above each horizontal arm of the cross. Rev. Roger II standing on the r. wearing imperial regalia and his son, Roger, duke of Apulia, bare headed and with sword standing on the l. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. On l.: R· / ·DX:/ AP (AP ligate). Between the figures: AN (ligate) /R /X . On r.: .R/R(the cross of the globus cruciger serving as an X) SLS. MIN 241. Spahr 72. MEC XIV, 212-213. MIR 422.

Very fine 250

WJC: Bought from CNG. It is of a sightly different fabric and style from the previous coins. I had initially suspected a modern forgery but the encrustation and apparent crystallization of some parts of the surface appear convincing. More likely a product of a different mint, perhaps Messina or in Apulia.

2289

2289 Tercia ducalis, Palermo AH 535 (1140-1141), AR 0.82 g. Circular Cufic legend "duriba sanata 535" around central Cufic legend in two lines: "bi-madinat Siqilliyyah". Rev. ✠ TERCIA DVCALIS around jeweled cross fourchée. MIN 242a. Spahr 75. MEC XIV, 214-215. MIR 433.

Extremely fine 300

WJC: A perfect coin.

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2290 Tercia ducalis, Palermo AH 535 (1140-1141), AR 0.92 g. Circular Cufic legend "duriba sanata 535" around central Cufic legend in two lines: "bi-madinat Siqilliyyah". Rev. ✠ TERCIA DVCALIS around jeweled cross fourchée. MIN 242a. Spahr 75. MEC XIV, 214-215. MIR 433.

Very fine 75

2291 Tercia ducalis, Palermo AH 535 (1140-1141), AR 0.85 g. Circular Cufic legend "duriba sanata 535" around central Cufic legend in two lines: "bi-madinat Siqilliyyah". Rev.✠ TERCIA DVCALIS around jeweled Cross fourchée with more closed ends. MIN 242b. Spahr 73 or 74. MEC XIV, 216. MIR 433.

Very fine 75

2292 Follaro, Messina AH 536 (1141/1142), Æ 1 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-'l-amr al-maliki duriba" ("Struck by the order of the King"). Rev. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-Masina sanat 536" ("Struck at Messina in the five hundred six and thirtieth year") around central cross. MIN 243. Spahr 80. MEC XIV, 217-220A. MIR 30.

Very fine 50

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2293.2

2293 Lot of two coins: **2293.1** Follaro, Messina AH 536 (1141/1142), Æ 1.12 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "bi-'l-amr al-maliki duriba" ("Struck by the order of the King"). Rev. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-Masina sanat 536" ("Struck at Messina in the five hundred six and thirtieth year") around central cross. MIN 243. Spahr 80. MEC XIV, 117-220A. MIR 30. - **2293.2** Follaro, Messina AH 540 (1145/1146), Ę 1.22 g. Cufic legend: "bi-amr al-malik Rujār al-mu'azzam" ("By the order of King Roger the great") arranged around long cross with star inside decorative octagon at its centre. Rev. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-Masina sanat 540" arranged as six rays from central pellet in circle. MIN 245. Spahr 79. MEC XIV, 221-225A. MIR 29.

Good very fine and very fine 300

Ex Artemide Aste September 1, 2005, 385.

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2294 Follaro, Messina AH 543 (1148/1149), Æ 1.48 g. [□Δ]HM – [HTPIOC] arranged vertically on either side of St. Demetrios standing facing with spear and shield. Rev. Single line of Cufic script: "( ) sanat 543" (date in numerals) with cross above and below. MIN 247. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, 226. MIR 25.

Rare. Good very fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste LXII, 2024, 707.

WJC: The finest I have seen.

2295 Follaro, Messina AH 543 (1148/1149), Æ 1.09 g. [□Δ]HM – [HTPIOC] arranged vertically on either side of St. Demetrios standing facing with spear and shield. Rev. Single line of Cufic script: "( ) sanat 543" (date in numerals) with cross above and below. MIN 247. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, 226. MIR 25.

Rare. About very fine / fine 50

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 768.

2296 Follaro, Messina AH 545 (1150/1151), Æ 1.47 g. MP – ΘY Bust of the Virgin Orans. Rev. Cufic inscription in the form of a cross: " 'umila 545 ". MIN 248. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV, 227. MIR 26.

Very rare and in unusual condition for the issue. Dark-green patina
and about extremely fine 200

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 769.

WJC: Beautiful specimen.

2297 Kharruba or fractional follaro, Messina 1135-1145, Æ 0.26 g. Cufic legend in two lines: "al-malik/Rujar" circular Cufic legend around but most is off flan. Rev. Cufic legend in two lines: "al-mu'azzam/bi-amr" with circular Cufic legend around but most is off flan. MIN 249. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Very rare. Very fine 50

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1998.

Uncertain Sicilian or South Italian mint

2298

2298 Follaro, Æ 1.24 g. ✠ NMONE[ ]NTOV around central thick cross on stem. Rev. Cufic legend arranged as six rays from a central circle with pellet at its centre. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Rare. Very fine 100

Possibly another independent city coinage of 1137-1139.

ROGER II, SALERNITAN FOLLARI, 1140-1154

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ex 2301

2299 Follaro, Æ 1.24 g. S – M Nimbate bust of St. Matthew facing. Rev. R /R ❊ E / X. Rosette of 8 petals. MIN 251. Cappelli 111. MEC XIV, 241. MIR 618.
Dark-green patina, very fine 50

2300 Follaro, Æ 1.25 g. S – M Nimbate bust of St. Matthew facing. Rev. R / R✻ E / [X]. Rosette of 6 petals. MIN 251 variant. Cappelli 111 var. MEC XIV, 241 var. MIR 618 var.
Dark-green patina, very fine 50

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996 for 80 CHF.

2301 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.34 g. and 1.15 g. Crowned bust facing. Rev. RX (ligate)/ROGE / [RI] (under horizontal suspension mark). MIN 252. Cappelli 112. MEC XIV, 242-244. MIR 620.
Good very fine / very fine and very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2302.1

2302.2

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2302 Lot of three coins: **2302.1** Follaro, Æ 1.48 g. Bare headed facing bust. Rev. R (under horizontal suspension mark) REX . MIN 253. Cappelli 113. MEC XIV, 245-246. MIR 623. **2302.2** Follaro, Æ 1.66 g. Nimbate bust facing between two small crosses. Rev. Cross fourchée with pellet in each quarter, all inside a cogged circle. MIN 254. Cappelli 114. MEC XIV, 247. MIR 648. **2302.3** Follaro, Æ 1.12 g. Nimbate bust facing between two stars. Rev. Small cross with pellet in each quarter, all inside a cogged circle. MIN 254a. Cappelli 115. MEC XIV 248?. MIR 650.
Very fine to good very fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2303

2303 Follaro, Æ 1.79 g. Crowned bust facing. Rev. Cross pattée with pellet at each end. MIN 255. Cappelli 116. MEC XIV, 249. MIR 651.
Nice green patina and good very fine 75

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 305.

2304

2304 Follaro, Æ 0.78 g. Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with long pendilia. Rev. Palm tree flanked by stars above and R – R below. MIN 257. Cappelli 118. MEC XIV not represented but see page 124, #12. MIR 638 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Very fine 200

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1601.

WJC: A beautiful coin.

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2305 Follaro, Æ 1.07 g. Diademed head r. Rev. R – O / R – X in the quarters of cross. MIN 258. Cappelli 119. MEC XIV not represented but see page 124, 13. MIR 621.

Green patina and good very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2306 Follaro, Æ 2.01 g. Bare head r. with prominent beard. Rev. R – O / R – X in the quarters of cross pommée. MIN unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Dark-green patina, minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 250

WJC: This coin, with a fantastic patina and portrait is somewhat similar to MIN 258 but bearded and without the diadem. A great coin, possibly UNIQUE and unpublished.

2307.1

2307.2

2307 Lot of two coins: **2307.1** Follaro, Æ 1.63 g. Pseudo-Cufic legend around RO under horizontal suspension mark within circle. Rev. Pseudo-Cufic legend around RX (ligate) in circle. MIN 259. Cappelli 120. MEC XIV, 232-236. MIR 603. – **2307.2** Follaro, Æ 1.01 g. ROGERIVS REX (the under type) instead of usual pseudo Cufic legend around RO under horizontal suspension mark within circle struck over obverse of MIN 259. Rev. Pseudo-Cufic legend around RX (ligate) in circle struck over obverse of MIN 261 (head r.). MIN 259 overstruck on MIN 261. Cappelli 120 overstruck on Cappelli 122. MEC XIV, 232-236. MIR 603 overstruck on MIR 605.

Very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2308

2308 Follaro, Æ 1.12 g. Beardless head r. Rev. ROGERIVS REX around eight-pointed star in centre. MIN 261. Cappelli 122. MEC XIV, 237. MIR 605.

Good very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

ex 2309

2309 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.08 g. and 0.76 g. Beardless head r. Rev. ROGERIVS REX around eight-pointed star in centre. MIN 261. Cappelli 122. MEC XIV, 237. MIR 605.
Very fine 50

2310

2310 Follaro, Æ 1.01 g. Head r. overstruck on MIN 260 displaying RX (ligate). Rev. ROGERIVS REX. around eight-pointed star in centre overstruck on MIN 260 showing RX (ligate). MIN 261 overstruck on MIN 260. Cappelli 123 variant (Cappelli 122 overstruck on Cappelli 121). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 605 overstruck on MIR 604.
Very rare. Good very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996 for 80.

2311

2311 Follaro, Æ 3.50 g. R R Male figure standing l., holding spear with tip down. Rev. Eagle with spread wings, head r. MIN 262. Cappelli 124 (this coin). MEC XIV not represented but see page 124. 14. MIR [639] (this coin).
Unique. About very fine / very fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2312 2313

2312 Follaro, Æ 1.22 g. Agnus Dei standing l., head reversed. Rev. RO – GE / [RE] – [X] in quarters of cross. MIN 263. Cappelli 125. MEC XIV not represented but see page 124, 15. MIR 617.
Exceedingly rare. Fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996 for 240.

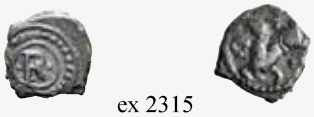
2313 Follaro, Æ 1.56 g. Lion mask. Rev. ROGERIVS REX around six-pointed star. MIN 264. Cappelli 126. MEC XIV, 250-255. MIR 612.
Lovely green patina and about extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: A perfect example.

2314

2314 Follaro, Æ 2.37 g. Griffin's head r. Rev. [R] / R – X / O at the end of the cross' arms; all within large quatrefoil. MIN 265 (boar's head). Cappelli 127. MEC XIV not represented but see page 124, 18 (boar's head?). MIR 622 (boar's head).
Very rare. Very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.



ex 2315

2315 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.53 g and 1.02 g. ·R· in circle surrounded by an outer circle of pellets. Rev. Lion (?) advancing r., head facing, between two pellets. MIN 266. Cappelli 128. MEC XIV, 258. MIR 645 (panther).
Rare. Good very fine and fine 100

Exemplar of 1.53 g. Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 311.

2316

2316 Follaro, Æ 1.25 g. Eagle facing, head r., with wings spread. Rev. Cross crosslet, with pellet in each quarter. MIN 267. Cappelli 129. MEC XIV not represented but see page 125, 20. MIR 647.
Rare. Green patina, good very fine 200

Ex Italo Vecchi sale 1, 1996, 1320.

2317

2317 Follaro, Æ 1.52 g. Fish swimming r.; cross above and [below]. Rev. RS [RX] each under horizontal suspension mark. MIN 268. Cappelli 130. MEC XIV, 259. MIR 624.
Dark-green patina, very fine / fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2318 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.67 g. and 1.01 g. Multiple branches in and around a pot. Rev. • R•O• / Ω / •R•X•. MIN 270. Capelli 132. MEC XIV, 260-261. MIR 626.
Good very fine and about very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2319 Lot of three coins: **2319.1** Follaro, Æ 1.57 g. Crescent surrounded by stars. Rev. ROGERIVS REX around cross. MIN 271. Capelli 133. MEC XIV, 262-263. MIR 613. **2319.2** Follaro, Æ 1.14 g. Globus cruciger in a circle of pellets. Rev. [RO] / • / RX. MIN 272. Capelli 134. MEC XIV not represented but see page 125, 25. MIR 627. **2319.3** Follaro, Æ 2.55 g. Large eight-pointed star. Rev. Jeweled crown; beneath, R•RX under horizontal suspension mark. MIN 273. Capelli 135. MEC XIV, 264-265. MIR 628.
Very rare. Very fine to good very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2320 Lot of three coins: **2320.1** Follaro, Æ 1.29 g. Cross pattée with a pellet in each quarter. Rev. RO RX(ligate), each under a horizontal suspension mark. MIN 274. Capelli 136. MEC XIV, 266-267. MIR 625. **2320.2** Follaro, Æ 1.77 g. Anchor cross fleury with R – O in upper quarters. Rev. Long cross with upturned cross arm ends flanked by R – X. MIN 276. Capelli 138. MEC XIV, 268. MIR 629. **2320.3** Follaro, Æ 1.51 g. [Anchor Cross fleury with R – O in upper quarters]. Rev. Long cross with upturned cross arm ends flanked by X – Я. MIN unrepresented. Capelli 139. MEC XIV not represented and the listing for Capelli 139 on page 125, 30 is incorrect. MIR 630.
Fine to good very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2321

ex 2322

2321 Follaro, Æ 1.8 g. Jeweled cross with star in each angle. Rev. ROGE[RIVS RE]GI around pellet in double circle. MIN 277. Cappelli 140. MEC XIV, 269-271. MIR 614.
Very fine 50

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2322 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.47 g. and 1.51 g. IC – XC / [N]I – KA each under a horizontal suspension mark and in quarters of a cross crosslet. Rev. ROG / RIVS· / REX in three lines. MIN 279. Cappelli 142. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 616 (exemplar of 1.47 g. this coin).
About extremely fine and very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2323.1 2323.2 2323.3

2323 Lot of three coins: **2323.1** Follaro, Æ 0.83 g. R – R / [E – X] around and in quarters of cross crosslet. Rev. Small cross in centre of circle from which radiate eight lines with a pellet between each ray. MIN 280. Cappelli 143. MEC XIV, 273. MIR 631. **2323.2** Follaro, Æ 1.29 g. Eight-pointed star surrounded by four petals. Rev. [R] ç O ç R çX ç around flower bud within circle in centre. MIN 281. Cappelli 144. MEC XIV, 274-275. MIR 632. **2323.3** Follaro, Æ 0.86 g. Eight-pointed star surrounded by four petals. Rev. R ç X ç R ç O ç around flower bud within circle in centre. MIN 281 var. Cappelli 145. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 633.
Very fine to rare 250

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2324.1 2324.2 2324.3 2324.4

2324 Lot of four coins: **2324.1** Follaro, Æ 1.54 g. ·R· surrounded by stars. Rev. ·R★X· with suspension mark above; below, ·ç·. MIN 283. Cappelli 148. MEC XIV, 276. MIR 641. **2324.2** Follaro, Æ 1.05 g. ·R· surrounded by star-shaped crosses. Rev. ·R ✠ X· with with suspension mark above; below, [· ✠ ·]. MIN 283a. Cappelli 149. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 640. **2324.3** Follaro, Æ 0.70 g. Я surrounded by stars. Rev. ·X★Я· with suspension mark above; below, [·*·]. MIN 284. Cappelli 150. MEC XIV, 277. MIR 643. **2324.4** Follaro, Æ 1.27 g. ·R· surrounded by stars. Rev. ·X★[Я·] with ·*· below. Mule of MIN 283/284. Cappelli 151. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 642.
Fine to very fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: Nice for these.

COINS of WILLIAM I, 1154-1166

2325 2326 2327 2328 2329

2325 Tari, Palermo, AV 1.1 g. Cufic legend of very neat style: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC XC over NI KA all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 285. Spahr 82. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina).
Very fine 150

WJC: A beautiful coin.

2326 Tarì, Palermo?, AV 1.88 g. Inner circular Cufic legend around central pellet reading: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Outer circular Cufic legend not legible. Rev. Cross potent on shaft with pellet flanked by IC – XC, under horizontal suspension marks and by NI (ligate) – KA below. Lunettes in upper quarters of cross. Outer Cufic legend as on obverse. MIN 285 var. Spahr 83 var. MEC XIV not represented. MIR 32 (Messina).
Very fine 150

WJC: Unpublished variant with lunettes in upper quarters of reverse cross.

2327 Tarì, Palermo, AV 0.69 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around a central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate) – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 286. Spahr 88. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina).
Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine 125

2328 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.04 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around a central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / III – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 286. Spahr 88. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina).
Very fine 125

2329 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.01 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around a central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate) – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 286. Spahr 88. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2330 2331 2332

2330 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.25 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around a central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 286. Spahr 88. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2331 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.6 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle around four central pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. A pellet in upper quarters of cross. MIN 287. Spahr 87 with pellets by reverse cross, not annulets. MEC XIV unlisted.
Reverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise about extremely fine 150

2332 Tarì, Palermo AH 552 (1157/1158), AV 1.07 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle around four central pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate)– KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. A pellet in upper quarters of cross. MIN 287. Spahr 87 with pellets by reverse cross, not annulets. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2333 2334 2335

2333 Tarì, Palermo, AV 2.34 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around four central pellets. Rev. Simple Latin cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA (pellet over I), all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 288. Spahr 89 variant (his illustration is inaccurate). MEC XIV unlisted.
Good very fine 150

2334 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.6 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around four central pellets. Rev. Simple Latin cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA (pellet under X), all under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN unpublished but with 288 obverse/287 reverse. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2335 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.57 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around four central pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / IN – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN unpublished but with 288 obverse/287 reverse. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Struck on an irregular fine, otherwise good very fine 150

2336

2336 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.74 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around circle with six pellets on the circular line, all around three central pellets and triangle. Rev. Simple Latin cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA (no suspension marks). MIN 289 variant with simple cross, not cross pattée and no suspension marks. Spahr 89 unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely rare. Struck on an irregular fine, otherwise good very fine 250

WJC: Note that MIN 289 is published from a presumably unique coin in the Centineo collection. This is a further variant without the suspension marks.

2337

2337 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.61 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central "hook-like" symbol. Rev. Simple cross on shaft, shaft with splayed foot, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks; presence or absence of annulets in upper cross quarters cannot be assessed. MIN 290 variant. Spahr 92. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina). Friedberg 878a.
Very fine 150

2338 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.71 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central star of seven points. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 292. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina). Friedberg 878a.

Exceedingly rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 600

Bought from Artemide Aste L, 2018, 635.

2339 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.42 g. Cufic legend of good style: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 293. Spahr 83. MEC XIV, 282-285.

Very fine 150

2340 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.19 g. Cufic legend less clear: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate) – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 293. Spahr 83. MEC XIV, 282-285.

Very fine 150

2341 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.35 g. Cufic legend less clear: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate) – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 293. Spahr 83. MEC XIV, 282-285.

Edge clipped, otherwise good very fine 125

2342 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.55 g. Cufic legend slightly double struck: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with three central pellets in a line. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI (ligate) – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 295. Spahr 85. MEC XIV unlisted.

Unusually complete outer legend, about extremely fine 200

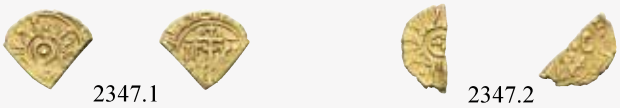
2343 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.43 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central "G-like" symbol. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 297. Spahr 90. MEC XIV unlisted.

Very fine 200

2344 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.59 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central "comma-like" symbol around pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN unlisted but see 291 for "comma" but no pellet and 298 for crescent with pellet. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare and unpublished. Good very fine 200

2345 Tarì, Messina, AV 0.88 g. Cufic legend of good style: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central "comma-like" symbol around pellet and all flanked by two pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN unlisted but see 291 for "comma" but no pellets. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare and unpublished. Good very fine 200

2346 Tarì, Messina, AV 0.78 g. Cufic legend of good style: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central "comma-like" symbol around pellet and all flanked by two pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / W – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN unlisted but see 291 for "comma" but no pellets. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare and unpublished. Very fine 175



2347 Lot of two coins: **2347.1** Cut tarì, Palermo AH 552 (1157/1158), AV 0.80 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle around four central pellets. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 287. Spahr 87 with pellets by reverse cross, not annulets; MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 32 (Messina). Friedberg 878a. **2347.2** Cut tarì, Messina, AV 0.51 g. Cufic legend less clear: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central pellet. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 293. Spahr 83. MEC XIV, 282-285.
Very fine (2) 100

2348 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 0.76 g. Clear Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central ")(" symbol. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC /ИI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.

Unpublished and perhaps unique. Very fine 500

WJC: The obverse legend is clearly that of William I. The obverse type is unknown and unlike any other coin known to me.

2349 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.68 g. Clear Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-hadi bi-amr-Allah" around plain circle with central " + " (small equilateral cross) symbol. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / ИI – KA, all under horizontal suspension marks. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.

Exceedingly rare. About extremely fine 600

Ex NAC sale 157, 2025, 67.

WJC: The obverse legend is clearly that of William I. The obverse type is similar to one other coin, previously sold in Nomisma 36, 2008. 1013, there attributed to Tancred. That coin was later correctly published by Cardella in le monete dell'inganno di Enrico I Hohenstaufen, page 31, as a coin of William I. The small obverse cross perhaps is substituting for the central device shown on the previous coin or is a decorative emblem as on the small fractional dirhams of this reign, for these see Spahr types 96-98.

2350 Ducalis, Palermo 1156, AR 2.64 g. Bust of Christ between IC – XC with suspension marks above. Rev. R / D/ V/ X /FI / LI / VS / EIV/ [S] vertically beside standing figure of Roger duke of Apulia and W/ REX vertically beside standing figure of the King. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. MIN 300.A. Spahr 94. MEC XIV, 290. MIR 435.

Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine 400

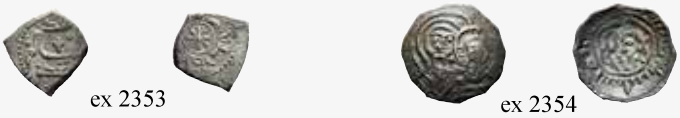
2351 Ducalis, Palermo 1156, AR 2.76 g. Bust of Christ between IC – XC with suspension marks above. Rev. R / D/ V/ X /FI / LI / VS / EIV/ S vertically beside standing figure of Roger duke of Apulia and W/ REX vertically beside standing figure of the King. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. MIN 300.A. Spahr 94. MEC XIV, 290. MIR 435.

Old cabinet tone and good very fine 350

2352 Ducalis, Palermo 1156, AR 2.41 g. Bust of Christ IC /+ – XC /+ with suspension marks above and small cross below. Rev. R / D/ V/ X / FI - LI / VS / EIV/ S vertically beside standing figure of Roger duke of Apulia and .W. / REX vertically beside standing figure of the King. Both are holding long patriarchal cross between them. MIN 300.B. Spahr 95. MEC XIV not in collection but see page 128, Class B. MIR 435.

Rare. An almost invisible hairline flan crack, otherwise very fine / extremely fine 400

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5310.



2353 Lot of three coins: Kharruba, Palermo [AH 553-554/1158-1160], Billon 0.79 g.; 0.48 g. and 0.49 g. Arabic legend on three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-mu'azzam" with lis between first and second lines. Rev. Cufic legend giving date around eight pointed star. MIN 301. Spahr 96. MEC XIV, 291-292. MIR 436.

Good very fine to extremely fine 75

Privately purchased from Italo Vecchi in 1978.

2354 Lot of four coins: Scyphate follaro, Messina AH 550 (1155/1156), Æ 1.39 g.; 0.79 g.; 1.17 g. and 1.61 g. Cufic legend: "duriba Masini sanat 550" around REX/·W·. Rev. MP / ΘV Bust of the Virgin and Christ Child. MIN 302. Spahr 99. MEC XIV 286-289A. MIR 33.

Very fine to extremely fine 150

WJC: Clear legends and nice for these.

GOLD DINAR of the NORMAN KINGDOM of AFRICA

2355

2355 Dinar, Mahdia AH 549 (1154/55), AV 4.03 g. Cufic script in the outer circle of legends on both sides: "duriba bi-amr al-Hadi bi-amr Allah al-malik Ghilialm bi-madinat al-Mahdiya sanat tisa ' wa arba 'in khams mi 'at" (This dinar was struck by order of King William, guided with the help of God, in the city of Mahdia in the year 549 (1154/55)) and on the inner circle, both sides, in Cufic is: "al-hamdu lillah haqq hamidahu, kama huwa ahl-hu wa mustahiqq-hu" (Praise be to God, as He deserves and as is fitting to praise Him). On the obverse in the centre in a two line Cufic script is: "al-Hadi/bi-amr Allah" (Guided with the help of God). On the reverse in the centre in two line Cufic script is: "al-malik/Ghilialm" (the King, William). Abdul-Wahab in Revue Tunisienne 1930, ns. 1/3-4, pp. 215-218. Lorente and Ibrahim, Numismatica de Ceuta Musulmana, Madrid 1987, p. 221. J. Johns "Malik Ifriquya: The Norman Kingdom of Africa and the Fatimids" in Libyan Studies 18, 1987, pp. 92-94. MEC XIV, page 132.

Of the highest rarity. Twice pierced and very fine 12'000

Ex Morton and Eden sale 54, 2012, 124.

WJC: There is one type for William from the Kingdom of Africa with two or possibly three specimens known. There is also an issue under Roger II known from a single coin. All are pierced, presumably for suspension. Exceptionally rare and important.

The African expedition of William I against Mahdia represents one of the last episodes of the Norman presence along the coasts of Ifriqya which had begun under Roger II. After the loss of the main African strongholds to the Almohad Caliphate William I attempted a recovery expedition that led to a brief occupation of the city, though without succeeding in re-establishing a stable control. This episode is remembered for a limited coinage attributed to this short-lived Norman presence. Apart from the excessively rare gold dinar, it most likely consisted in copper coins (often classified as follari), struck to provide circulating currency for the troops and the local market during the occupation.

This coinage, probably produced in very small quantities and over a very short period, constitutes a significant testimony to the Mediterranean policy of the Norman Kingdom and to the — by then rather late — attempt to maintain a role in the commercial networks of North Africa. Precisely because of the brevity of the occupation, these issues are particularly rare and of considerable interest in the study of medieval Mediterranean numismatics.

SALERNITAN FOLLARI of WILLIAM I

2356

2356 Follaro, Æ 2.73 g. Anchor-cross between SA – MA. Rev. ·W· / DI GRA / ·RX· (DI GRA under horizontal suspension marks and RX ligate) in three lines. MIN 303. Cappelli 157 and plate V (this coin). MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 129, 1. MIR 655 (this coin).

Very rare and in exceptional condition for this issue. About extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 328.

WJC: A full, exceptional coin.

2357

2357 Follaro, Æ 1.28 g. Lion's forepart l., head facing. Rev. W – REX / DVX – APL' in quarters of cross with ✤ at each arm's end. MIN 304. Cappelli 158. MEC XIV, 293 and see page 129, 2. MIR 656 (this coin).
Very rare. Extremely fine 500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1603.
WJC: Fantastic coin with a great patina.

2358

2358 Follaro, Æ 1.69 g. Agnus Dei advancing l., head turned r. Rev. W – RE[X]/ DVX – P[N] in quarters of cross crosslet. MIN 305. Cappelli 159. MEC XIV, 294-296 and see page 129, 3. MIR 657.
Very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2359

2359 Follaro, Æ 1.96 g. Agnus Dei advancing l., head turned r. Rev. W – REX / DΛX (sic!) – PNC in quarters of cross crosslet. MIN 305 variant. Cappelli 159 var. MEC XIV, 394-396 var. MIR 657 var.
Unrecorded variety with this reverse legend. Extremely fine 250

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 721.
WJC: Extremely nice and complete.

2360.1 2360.2 2360.3

2360 Lot of three coins: **2360.1** Follaro, Æ 0.68 g. Agnus Dei advancing r., head turned l. Rev. RX(ligate) + G under a suspension mark. MIN 306. Cappelli 160. MEC XIV, 297-302 and see page 129, 4. MIR 660. **2360.2** Follaro, Æ 1.56 g. Agnus Dei advancing l., head turned r. Rev. RX(ligate) + G under a suspension mark. MIN unrecorded. Cappelli 161. MEC XIV unrecorded. MIR 658. **2360.3** Follaro, Æ 0.69 g. Agnus Dei advancing r., head turned l. Rev. RX(ligate) G. MIN mule of 306 obverse/307 reverse. Cappelli 162. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 129, 5. MIR 660.
Very fine 250

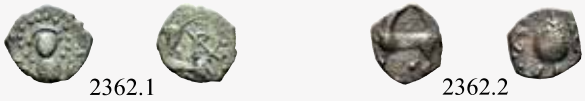
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2361.1 2361.2 2361.3

2361 Lot of three coins: **2361.1** Follaro, Æ 0.81 g. Lion (?) advancing r., head turned l. Rev. Plant with three stems between W – [RX (ligate)]. MIN 308. Cappelli 163. MEC XIV, 303-305 and see page 129, 6. MIR 661. **2361.2** Follaro, Æ 1.31 g. Lion advancing l., head facing. Rev. W DI [GRA]TIA RX(RX ligate) around star of 3 rows of 3 pellets connected by rays. MIN 309. Cappelli 164. MEC XIV, 306-307 and see page 129. 7. MIR 662. **2361.3** Follaro, Æ 0.75 g. Nimbate full-length figure of St. Matthew between S – M, both letters under suspension marks. Rev. Deer with antlers advancing l. between G – [RX(ligate)]. MIN 310; Cappelli 165; MEC XIV, 308 and see page 130, 9; MIR 665.

Very fine to good very fine 250

The first two privately purchased from NAC in 1996 and the last ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 335 (part of).


2362.1 2362.2

2362 Lot of two coins: **2362.1** Follaro, Æ 0.77 g. Nimbate full-length figure of St. Matthew between [M] – S, both letters under suspension marks. Rev. Deer with antlers advancing l. between [G] – RX(ligate). MIN 310. Cappelli 165 variant. MEC XIV, 308 and see page 130, 9. MIR 666. **2362.2** Follaro, Æ 0.61 g. Deer with antlers advancing l. Rev. Pinecone between G – RX(ligate). MIN 311. Cappelli 166. MEC XIV, 309-310 and see page 130, 10. MIR 667.

Rare with S and M reversed (1) Good very fine and very fine 200

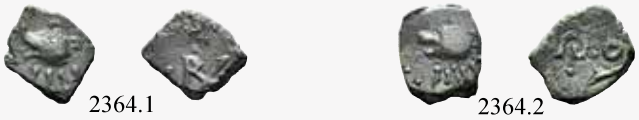
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

ex 2363

2363 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.13 g. and 0.90 g. Wolf's head l. Rev. [·]/GR X /[·]. MIN 312. Cappelli 167. MEC XIV, 311-313 and see page 130, 11. MIR 669.

Good very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996 and ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 335 (part of).


2364.1 2364.2

2364 Lot of two coins: **2364.1** Follaro, Æ 1.25 g. Bear's (or Mickey Mouse) head l. Rev. ·G· / ·RX· (ligate) / ·. MIN 313 (wolf). Cappelli 168. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 130, 12. MIR 671. **2364.2** Follaro, Æ 1.45 g. Bear's head l. Rev. ·G· (retrograde) / ·XЯ· (ligate). MIN 313 variant with retrograde legend. Cappelli 169. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 130, 12. MIR 672.

Very rare. Very Fine 400

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2365 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 0.72 g. and 0.89 g. Eagle facing with wings spread, head l. Rev. ·W· / R∗E / [·X·] in three lines. MIN 314. Cappelli 170. MEC XIV, 314-317 and see page 130, 13, MIR 676.
Very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2366 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.36 g. and 1.43 g. Swan l. Rev. · / RXW (ligate). MIN 315. Cappelli 171. MEC XIV, 318-319 and see page 130, 14. MIR 677.
Very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2367 Lot of three coins: **2367.1** Follaro, Æ 1.70 g. Bird with large tail standing r. and looking down; stars in field. Rev. G[∗R∗]X∗ around large central star. MIN 316. Cappelli 173. MEC XIV, 320 and see page 130, #15. MIR 680. **2367.2** Follaro, Æ 1.01 g. Bird with large tail standing l. and looking down; stars in field. Rev. G∗ [R∗X∗] around large central star. MIN 316.a. Cappelli 172. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 130, 15. MIR 679. **2367.3** Follaro, Æ 1.11 g. Bird with large tail standing l. and looking down; stars in field. Rev. [G∗ [R∗X∗] around crescent? MIN 316.a variant. Cappelli 172 var. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 130, 15 var. MIR 679 var.
Rare (1). About very fine to very fine 300

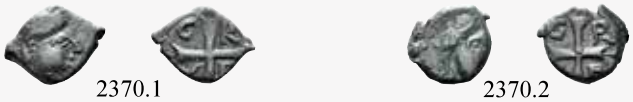
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2368 Follaro, Æ 1.6 g. S – M Nimbate bust of St. Matthew facing 3/4 r. Rev. Cross on stand with a pellet in 1st and 2nd quarters, W in 3rd and RX(ligate) in 4th. MIN 317. Cappelli 174. MEC XIV, 321 and see page 130, 16. MIR 681.
Beautiful green patina and about extremely fine 350

Ex NAC sale 20, 2020, 337.

2369 Follaro, Æ 1.63 g. Diademed head r. Rev. W / R[EX /·:·] in three lines. MIN 318. Cappelli 175. MEC XIV, 322 and see page 130, 17. MIR 682.
Dark-green patina and good very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: A beautiful coin.


2370.1 2370.2

2370 Lot of two coins: **2370.1** Follaro, Æ 1.35 g. Head r. Rev. Cross with G – R / X – E in quarters around clockwise. MIN 319. Cappelli 176. MEC XIV, 323-325 and see page 130, 18. MIR 684. **2370.2** Follaro, Æ 1.18 g. Laureate head r. Rev. Cross with G – R / [X] – E in quarters around clockwise. MIN unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Unpublished type somewhat similar to MIN 319. Very fine and about very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2371

2371 Follaro, Æ 1.37 g. Laureated head left. Rev. G (three pellets in a column between)RX (ligate). MIN 320. Cappelli 177. MEC XIV, 326 and see page 130, #19. MIR 683 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Extremely fine 500

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 339.

WJC: A beautiful example.

ex 2372

2372 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 0.94 g. and 0.49 g. Standing figure facing holding long staff or sceptre in l. hand. Rev. G – R / E – X in quarters of cross. MIN 321. Cappelli 178 (first coin illustrated on plate V). MEC XIV, 327-328 and see page 130, 20. MIR 685.

Very fine 75

Exemplar of 0.94 g. privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2373.1 2373.2 2373.3

2373 Lot of three coins: **2373.1** Follaro, Æ 1.41 g. Archangel standing facing with spread wings. Rev. W / RX (ligate) with small cross to l. MIN 322. Cappelli 179. MEC XIV, 329 and see page 130, 21. MIR 686. – **2373.2** Follaro, Æ 2.15 g. Archangel standing facing with spread wings. Rev. V – V / R – E in quarters of cross. MIN 323. Cappelli 181. MEC XIV, 330-333 and see page 130, 22. MIR 688. – **2373.3** Follaro, Æ 0.69 g. Archangel standing facing with spread wings. Rev. V – V / R – [E] in quarters of cross. MIN 323. Cappelli 181. MEC XIV, 330-333 and see page 130, 22. MIR 688.

Rare (1). Very fine 200

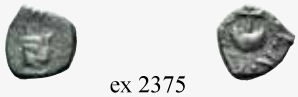
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2374

2374 Follaro, Æ 1 g. Archangel standing facing with spread wings. Rev. W / XЯ (ligate) with small cross to r. MIN 322 variant. (normal reverse legend). Cappelli 180 (this coin). MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 687 (R5, this coin).

Exceedingly rare. About very fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


ex 2375

2375 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Æ 1.11 g. and 1.18 g. [·:·] Benedictional hand [·:·]. Rev. W:R:[E:X] around cross on crescent. MIN 324. Cappelli 182. MEC XIV, 334-335 and see page 130, 23. MIR 689.
Very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2376

2377

2376 Follaro, Æ 1.44 g. ·:· Benedictional hand ·:·. Rev. [W:R:]E:X around cross on crescent but legend runs counterclockwise. MIN 324 variant. Cappelli 183. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 690.
Good very fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste sale December 18th, 2005, 315.

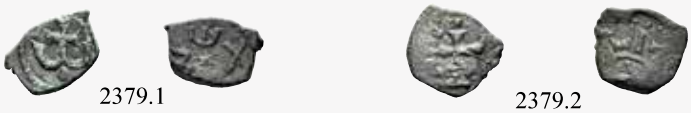
2377 Follaro, Æ 1.81 g. Banner between two stars. Rev. G·RX(ligate) with star above and below. MIN 326. Cappelli 185. MEC XIV, 340-343 and see page 130, 25. MIR 692.
Unusual conditions for the issue. About extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: Fantastic condition and full.

2378.1 2378.2 2378.3 2378.4 2378.5

2378 Lot of five coins: **2378.1** Follaro, Æ 1.05 g. Gateway. Rev. W [RX(ligate)] with ·:· above. MIN 325. Cappelli 184. MEC XIV, 336-339 and see page 130, 24. MIR 691. **2378.2** Follaro, Æ 1.29 g. Decorated cross with star in each quarter. Rev. G – R flanking cross on crescent. MIN 327. Cappelli 186. MEC XIV, 344-346 and see page 130, 26. MIR 693. **2378.3** Follaro, Æ 1.25 g. Crescent (ship?) with trefoil of pellets at each end; in the centre a ?mast with star at top. Rev. [W] – R / E – X in quarters of cross. MIN 328. Cappelli 187. MEC XIV, 347 and see page 130, 27. MIR 694. **2378.4** Follaro, Æ 1.56 g. Cross on crescent (ship?). Rev. W· / horizontal line / ·RX· (ligate). MIN 329. Cappelli 188. MEC XIV not represented but see page 130, 28. MIR 695. **2378.5** Follaro, Æ 1.42 g. Cross on crescent (ship?). Rev. W· / horizontal line / ·RX· (ligate). MIN 329. Cappelli 188. MEC XIV not represented but see page 130, 28. MIR 695.
Very fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2379.1 2379.2

2379 Lot of two coins: **2379.1** Follaro, Æ 1.66 g. Anchor-cross. Rev. W / [R]∗E / X in three lines. MIN 330. Cappelli 189. MEC XIV, 348 and see page 130, 29. MIR 696 (this coin). **2379.2** Follaro, Æ 1.34 g. Ornate anchor cross. Rev. [✠ GVIL]ELM[VS] clockwise around RX (ligate). MIN 331. Cappelli 190. MEC XIV, 349-351 and see page 130, 30. MIR 697.
Very rare. Very fine 200

Reference MIR 696 privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2380

2380 Follaro, Æ 0.68 g. Ornate anchor cross. Rev. ✠ GVIL[ELMVS] counterclockwise around RX (ligate). MIN unlisted but see 331 with clockwise legend. Cappelli unlisted but see 190. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted but see 697.

Unpublished and possibly unique. Very Fine 100

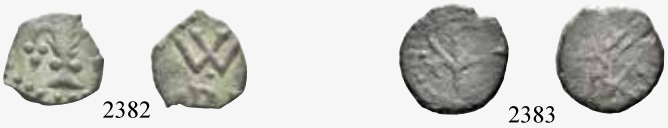
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2381.1 2381.2 2381.3

2381 **2381.1** Follaro, Æ 1.39 g. Ornamental square. Rev. GRX (RX ligate and G very angular); around, four pellets. MIN 333. Cappelli 192. MEC XIV, 352-355 and see page 131, 32. MIR 699. **2381.2** Follaro, Æ 1.63 g. W between four pellets. Rev. REX with quatrefoil of pellets above and trefoil of pellets below. MIN 334. Cappelli 194. MEC XIV, 356 and see page 131, 33. MIR 701. **2381.3** Follaro, Æ 2.09 g. Date palm flanked by two pellets. Rev. W surrounded by pellets over ·XЯ· ligate. MIN 336. Cappelli 197. MEC XIV, 357-362 and see page 131, 35. MIR 705.

Very fine (2) and extremely fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2382 2383

2382 Follaro, Æ 1.11 g. Date palm in a vase. Rev. W with pellet below over R[X] (ligate). MIN 336.a. Cappelli 198. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 706 (R4, this coin).

Exceedingly rare. Green patina and about extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste 11E, 2005, 321.

2383 Follaro, Æ 2.31 g. Date palm flanked by two pellets. Rev. W with pellet below over RX: (RX ligate). This coin is a mule of MIN 336 obverse and 336a reverse. Cappelli 197/198. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 704 (R5).

Extremely rare. Very fine 250

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996 for 320 CHF.

WJC: Large and perfectly clear. Was unpublished and UNIQUE but now see MIR.

2384.1 2384.2 2384.3 2384.4

2384 Lot of four coins: **2384.1** Follaro, Æ 1.44 g. Strange looking date palm between two stars. Rev. GVIL / RX (ligate) in two lines. MIN 337. Cappelli 199. MEC XIV 363-366 and see page 131, 36. MIR 707. **2384.2** Follaro, Æ 1.81 g. Eight pointed star with pellets between the rays. Rev. R / [E]·G· X / + in three lines. MIN 338. Cappelli 200. MEC XIV, see page 131, 37. MIR 708. **2384.3** Follaro, Æ 0.87 g. Eight pointed star with pellets between the rays. Rev. Palm? or cypress between W – R[X(ligate)] with annulets above letters. MIN 339. Cappelli 201. MEC XIV, 367-371 and see page 131, 8. MIR unlisted. **2384.4** Follaro, Æ 1.65 g. Eight pointed star with pellets between the rays. Rev. Palm? or cypress between [W –RX(ligate)] with annulets above letters. MIN 339. Cappelli 201. MEC XIV, 367-371 and see page 131, 38. MIR unlisted.

Very fine to good very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2385 Lot of five coins: **2385.**1 Follaro, Æ 0.39 g. Elaborate, scrolling plant. Rev. Palm or cypress between G – RX (ligate), as on previous type. MIN 340. Cappelli 203 and plate V (this coin). MEC XIV, 372-373 and see page 131, 39. MIR 711. **2385.2** Follaro, Æ 1.83 g. Square divided into voided cross and square corners with central pellet. Rev. W / RX (ligate) separated by horizontal row of three pellets. MIN 341. Cappelli 204. MEC XIV, 374-375 and see page 131, 40. MIR 712. **2385.3** Follaro, Æ 0.91 g. Ornate, angular W . Rev. V – R and two stars in quarters of cross fourchée [V barely struck up]. MIN 342. Cappelli 206. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 131, 41. MIR 713 (this coin). **2385.4** Follaro, Æ 1.62 g. Cross with square in centre and a star in each corner. Rev. W / R with two annulets in between. MIN 343. Cappelli 207. MEC XIV, 376 and see page 131, 42. MIR 714. **2385.5** Follaro, Æ 1.00 g. Cross with star at end of each arm and pellet in each quarter. Rev. R G E with rosette between two pellets above and below. MIN 344. Cappelli 208. MEC XIV, 377-378 and see page 131, 43. MIR 715.

Rare (2). Very fine, good very fine, very fine (3) 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2386 Follaro, Æ 1.31 g. Cross with star at end of each arm and pellet in each corner. Rev. [□] Ɔ Я with rosette between two pellets above and below. MIN 344 var. (normal legend). Cappelli 209. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 716.

Very rare. Very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2387 Lot of four coins: **2387.1** Follaro, Æ 1.30 g. Arabesque "fleur". Rev. GRX (RX ligate); around, four pellets. MIN 345. Cappelli 210. MEC XIV, 379-380 and see page 131, 44. MIR 717. **2387.2** Follaro, Æ 0.76 g. Ornamental voided cross with circle in centre. Rev. G• /R •(cross of 5 pellets)• E / •X• in three lines. MIN 346. Capelli 211. MEC XIV, 381-385 and see page 131, 45. MIR 718. **2387.3** Follaro, Æ 1.26 g. Cross with pellet at each end and in each quarter. Rev. RX[G•] (ligate). MIN 347. Cappelli 212. MEC XIV unrepresented but see page 131, 46. MIR 719. **2387.4** Follaro, Æ 1.86 g. Flower bud with four pellets around. Rev. [R]– E / [V –V] in quarters of cross. MIN 348. Cappelli 213. MEC XIV not represented but see page 131, 47. MIR 721.

Very rare (1). About very fine to very fine 100

The first two specimen privately purchased from NAC in 1996 and the last one ex Vecchi sale 1, 1997, 1416.

2388 Lot of three coins: **2388.1** Follaro, Æ 1.11 g. Flower bud with three pellets and a star around. Rev. Ш – R / V – V in quarters of cross. MIN 348 (variant with reverse legend order). Cappelli 214. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 722. **2388.2** Follaro, Æ 0.87 g. Flower bud or cross with three pellets and a star around. Rev. R – E / [V] – V in quarters of cross. MIN 350. Cappelli 216. MEC XIV, 387 and see page 131, 48. MIR 723. **2388.3** Follaro, Æ 0.99 g. Flower bud or cross with three pellets and a star around. Rev. Ш – R / [V] – V in quarters of cross. MIN 350 (variant with reverse legend order). Cappelli 217. MEC XIV, 386? and see page 131, 48. MIR 724.
Very rare (1). Very fine 75

Specimen MIR 722 and 723 privately purchased from NAC in 1996 and MIR 724 ex Vecchi sale 1, 1997, 1419.

2389 Follaro, Æ 0.63 g. Small star surrounded by ring of pellets. Rev. R:G. MIN unlisted. Cappelli unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted. Unpublished and possibly unique.
Very fine 125

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

WILLIAM I and his son ROGER, DUKE of APULIA 1156-1160

2390 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.54 g. ·W·REX around triangular banner. Rev. ✠ ROGI DVX around eight pointed star. MIN 351 (this coin). Cappelli 205 (this coin). MEC XIV see page 131, 49. MIR 726.
Of the highest rarity, apparently the second specimen known.
Dark-green patina and good very fine 500

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: MIN p. 317, note 308, mentions the existence of a second specimen, described in Repertorio, n. 942, misattributed to Roger II (Antica Collezione Sambon).

COINS of WILLIAM II, 1166-1189.

2391

2391 Tarì, Palermo, AV 2.72 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around lis. Rev. Cross potent on shaft at base of which is an annulet; pellets in upper quarters of cross. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 352. Spahr 105 (this coin). MEC XIV, 394. MIR 437. Friedberg unlisted.
About extremely fine 500

2392

2392 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.82 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around lis. Rev. Cross potent on shaft at base of which is an annulet; pellets in upper quarters of cross. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 352. Spahr 105. MEC XIV, 394. MIR 437. Friedberg unlisted.
Struck from rusty die on an irregular flan, otherwise extremely fine 150

WJC: Reverse die duplicate of previous coin.

2393

2393 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.11 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around lis. Rev. Cross on shaft at base of which is an annulet. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 353. Spahr 103. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 35. Friedberg unlisted.
Very fine 125

2394

2394 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.06 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / ИИ KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 354. Spahr 101. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 35. Friedberg 635.
Extremely fine 150

2395

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2395 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.2 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 354. Spahr 101. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 34. Friedberg 635.
Good very fine 150

2396 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.68 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross flanked by IC – XC / ИI – KA under horizontal suspension marks and an extra pellet in right upper angle of reverse cross. MIN 354 variant. Spahr 101 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 175

2397 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.63 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft at base of which is a wedge. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 175

2398 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.92 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

2399

2400

2401

2399 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.88 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted.
Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise about extremely fine 150

2400 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.06 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 150

2401 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.2 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft at base of which is a wedge. The cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 125

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 189.

2402 2403 2404 2405

2402 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.32 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around five pellets in circle. Rev. Same type incuse. MIN 355. Spahr 100. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 35. Friedberg 635. Brockage.
Very fine 125

2403 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.6 g. Full Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz bi-llah" around star of six points in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 356. Spahr 102. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 200

WJC: Full obverse title.

2404 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.32 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around star of six points in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 356. Spahr 102. MEC XIV, 392-393.
Extremely fine / about extremely fine 150

2405 Tarì, Messina or Palermo,, AV 1.67 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around star of six points in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC. – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 356. Spahr 102. MEC XIV, 392-393.
Good extremely fine 175

2406

2406 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.81 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around star of six points in circle. Rev. Cross on shaft. Horizontal arm of cross joined to suspension marks to form long cross arm; the cross is flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA. Annulets in upper quarters of cross and pellet on shaft. MIN 356 var. Spahr 102 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare Variant. Insignificant die-shift on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 200

2407

2407 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 2.17 g. Slightly blundered "full" Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz bi-llah" around star of six points in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft at base of which pellet, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA· under horizontal suspension marks. Pellet adjacent to A in reverse legend. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 356 var. Spahr 102 variant. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare. Very fine 350

WJC: This coin is a reverse die duplicate of the tarì of Roger III listed below. The blundered obverse legend is suggestive of it being a late issue of William II.

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2408 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.9 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz" around lis in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross and pellets above and below the shaft. MIN 357 var. Spahr 104 var. MEC XIV unlisted.

Irregular shape, otherwise good very fine 150

2409 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.01 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz bi-llah" around unidentified Arabic word in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 358. Spahr 106. MEC XIV, 390.

Very fine 125

WJC: This specimen appears to have the clearest "word" in centre of obverse.

2410 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.81 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz bi-llah" around unidentified Arabic word in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 358. Spahr 106. MEC XIV, 390.

Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 150

2411 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 2.12 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz bi-llah" around unidentified Arabic word in circle Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 359. Spahr 106, 108/9. MEC XIV 391?.

Very fine 150

Ex NAC Autumn Sale 26-27 October 1995, 1092.

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2412 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.41 g. Slightly blundered Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz bi-llah" around unidentified Arabic word in circle. Rev. Cross potent on shaft, flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 359. Spahr 106, 108/9. MEC XIV, 391?.

Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise good very fine 150

2413 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.52 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around central "L with crescent" symbol presumably an Arabic word. Rev. Cross pattée on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 359. Spahr 106. MEC XIV, 390-391.

Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 125

2414 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 0.73 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around central "L with crescent" symbol presumably an Arabic word. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 359. Spahr 106. MEC XIV, 390-391.

Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise very fine 125

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2415 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 2.21 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-musta'izz billah" around central "L with crescent" symbol presumably an Arabic word. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Pellets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 359. Spahr 106. MEC XIV, 390-391.
Reverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise very fine 125

2416 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.12 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz billah" around central "L with crescent" symbol presumably an Arabic word. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN unlisted but close to 358 with full titles. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 250

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 983.

2417 Tarì, Messina or Palermo, AV 1.38 g. Cufic legend: "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz billah" around central "L with crescent" symbol presumably an Arabic word. Rev. Cross potent on shaft flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN unlisted but close to 358 with full titles. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 250

2418

2418 Apuliensis, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, AR 1.83 g. ✠ SICI Ł'DVCAT 7 APVL' 7 PRINC CAP around ○✶○ / ·W·RX / ○✶○. Rev. ✠APVLIENSIS: around date palm flanked by two stars. MIN 363. Spahr 110. MEC XIV 396. MIR 439.
In exceptional condition for the issue and among the finest specimens known.
Struck on perfect metal and with a light iridescent tone. Good extremely fine 2'500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 51, 1994, 490.
WJC: The finest I have seen.

2419

2419 Apuliensis, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, AR 2 g. [✠ S]ICI Ł' DVCAT7 APV Ł' 7 PRINC CAP around ○✶○ / ·W·RX / ○✶○. Rev. ✠APVLIENSIS: around date palm flanked by two stars between two dots. MIN 363 variant. (stars without dots). Spahr 110 var. (stars without dots). MEC XIV, 396 var. (stars without dots). MIR 439 var. (stars without dots).
About extremely fine / extremely fine 500

2420

2420 1/3 apuliensis or tercenarius, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, AR 0.82 g. W – RX(ligate) over date palm. Rev. ✠ TERCI 7APVLIENSIS: around around Cufic legend in three lines: “al-malik/Ghulyalim/ al-thani”. MIN 364.A. Spahr 113. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 440.

Extremely fine 400

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1381.

WJC: A very nice example.

2421

2421 1/3 apuliensis or tercenarius, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, AR 0.61 g. W – RX(ligate) over date palm. Rev. ✠ [TERCI 7]APVLIENSIS·I around around Cufic legend in three lines: "al-malik/ Ghulyalim/al-thani". MIN 364.B. Spahr 112. MEC XIV, 397-398. MIR 440.

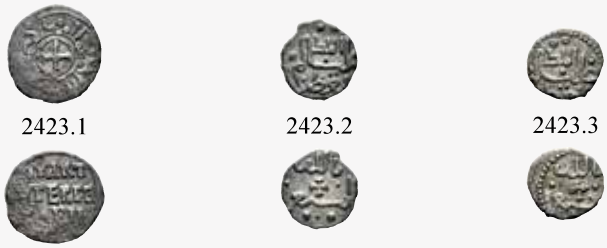
Good very fine 100

2422

2422 1/4 tercenarius, Palermo ca. 1180-1185?, Billon 0.48 g. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah" around ✣. Rev. qVART / ATERCE / NARII· in three lines. MIN 366.A (fine style). Spahr 115. MEC XIV, 423. MIR 442.

In unusual condition for the issue, good extremely fine 500

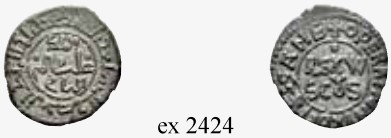
Extremely nice.



2423.1 2423.2 2423.3

2423 Lot of three coins: **2423.1** 1/4 tercenarius, Palermo ca. 1180-1185?, billon 0.50 g. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-madinat Siqilliyyah" around central cross. Rev. qVART / [A]TERCE / NARII· (square C) in three lines. MIN 366.B. Spahr 115. MEC XIV, 424. MIR 442. **2423.2** Fractional dirham, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, billon 0.42 g. Arabic legend in three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-mu'azzam" Rev. Arabic legend in two lines with cross and pellets between and pellet and annulets below: "bi-llah/al-musta'izz". MIN 367. Spahr 116. MEC XIV, 400. MIR 443. **2423.3** Fractional dirham, Palermo ca. 1167-1168, billon 0.65 g. Arabic legend in three lines: "al-malik/ Ghulyalim/ al-mu'azzam" Rev. Arabic legend in two lines with cross and pellets between and pellet and annulets below: "bi-llah/al-musta'izz" . MIN 367. Spahr 116. MEC XIV, 400. MIR 443.

Oxidation on surfaces, otherwise very fine, good very fine and very fine 150



ex 2424

2424 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Messina ca. 1170, Æ 1.24 g. and 1.01 g. Cufic legend: "duriba bi-amr al-malik al-mu'azzam al-musta'izz bi-llah" around "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-thani" in three lines in centre. Rev. ✠ OPERATA IN VRBE MESSANE around REX W / SCδS in two lines in centre. MIN 368. Spahr 119. MEC XIV, 401-409.
Extremely fine and dies are more carelessly made, otherwise very fine 75

2425

2425 Large follaro or trifollaro, Messina ca. 1180-1185?, Æ 10.34 g. Lion's head facing three quarters l. Rev. Date palm. Anepigraphic type. MIN 370. Spahr 117. MEC XIV, 425-431B. MIR 36.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Dark-green patina and extremely fine 400

ex 2426

2426 Lot of two coins: Fractional follaro, Messina ca. 1180-1185?, Æ 3.01 g. and 1.99 g. Lion's head facing three quarters l. Rev. Cufic inscription in three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-thani". MIN 371. Spahr 118. MEC XIV, 432-436.
Good very fine 150

2427

2427 Fractional follaro, Messina ca. 1180-1185?, Æ 2.06 g. Lion's head facing three quarters l. Rev. Cufic inscription in three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-thani. MIN 371. Spahr 118. MEC XIV, 432-436. Face of lion of unusual style.
Extremely fine 100

Continental issues of William II

2428 Tarì, Amalfi, 1167-1168, AV 0.86 g. Cufic legend "al-Malik Ghuyalim al-thani al-musta'izz billah" around ·W·. Rev. Similar Cufic legends around REX. Spinelli, pl. XIII, 1 (this coin). MIN 361 (this coin illustrated). MEC XIV, 389. MIR 33. Friedberg 47.
Very rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 2'500

Ex Artemide Aste XLVIII, 2017, 506.

2429 Tarì, Salerno, AV 0.89 g. Arabic legend in three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-thani" with star between first and second lines. Rev. Arabic legend in three lines: "nasir/al-Nasra/niyyah" with ·W· between first and second line. MIN 362. Cappelli 218. MEC XIV, 410. MIR 727. Friedberg 1009.
Very rare. Extremely fine 2'500

2430 Tarì, Salerno, EL 0.85 g. Arabic legend in three lines: "al-malik/Ghulyalim/al-thani" with lis between two pellets between first and second lines. Rev. Arabic legend in three lines: "nasir/al-Nasra/niyyah" with ·W· between first and second line. MIN 362 var. (star instead of lis on obv.). Cappelli 218 var. (star instead of lis on obv.). MEC XIV, 410. MIR 727 (star instead of lis on obv.). Friedberg 1009 var.
Extremely rare. Good very fine 1'250

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2431

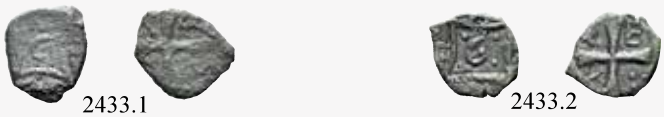
2431 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.66 g. Castle flanked by S – AL (AL ligate). Rev. ·W· / RE[X / II] in three lines. MIN 373. Cappelli 219. MEC XIV, 411. MIR 728.
Green patina and good very fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

ex 2432

2432 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Salerno, Æ 3.83 g. and 3.07 g. Crescent surrounded by three stars above W surrounded by three pellets Rev. · / ·RX·II· (RX ligated) / ·. MIN 374. Cappelli 220. MEC XIV, 412-413. MIR 729.
Dark-green patina; brown tone. Good very fine and about very fine / very fine 300

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2433.1 2433.2

2433 Lot of two coins: **2433.1** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.29 g. G in square frame with slightly curved sides. Rev. R – E / :. – X in quarters of cross. MIN 375. Cappelli 221. MEC XIV, see page 136, 3. MIR 708. **2433.2** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.30 g. " G " surrounded with four pellets in diamond shaped frame with curved sides. Rev. R – E / X – :. in quarters of cross. MIN 375a. Cappelli 222. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 731.
Fine and very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2434.1 2434.2

2434 Lot of two coins: **2434.1** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.01 g. Lion walking l. Rev. [GV]ILIELM[II] around cross pattée. MIN 376 (this coin). Cappelli 223 (this coin). MEC XIV, 416. MIR 732. – **2434.2** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.01 g. Lion leaping r. Rev. ✠ GVILIELM·[RX (ligate)·II·] around cross. MIN 376.a. Cappelli 224. MEC XIV, 414-415. MIR 710.
Very fine and good very fine 300

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 359 and privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2435

2435 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 2.15 g. Griffin r. Rev. ·W· / [R]EX / [II]. MIN 377. Cappelli 225. MEC XIV, 417-418. MIR 734.
About extremely fine 150

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: As always, this type is on a square flan.

2436

2436 Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.79 g. ☆G ☆ / RX(ligate) II. Rev. Palm between two pellets and two stars. MIN 378. Cappelli 226. MEC XIV, 419-420. MIR 712.
Good very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2437

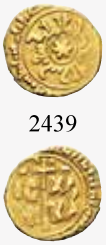
2437 Follaro, Gaeta,, Æ 4.31 g. ✠ W DEI GRA REX around cross potent. Rev. ✠ CIVITAS GAIETA around castle. MIN 380. CNI table XV, #12. MEC XIV, 421-422. MIR 448.
Unusual condition for the issue, extremely fine 350

2438

2438 Follaro, Gaeta, Æ 2.97 g. ✠ W DEI G[RA REX] around cross potent. Rev. [✠ CI]VITAS GAIE[TA] around castle. MIN 380. CNI table XV, #12. MEC XIV, 421-422. MIR 448.
About very fine 100

Tancred, 1190-1194.

Sicilian issues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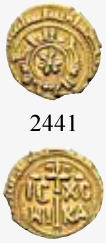
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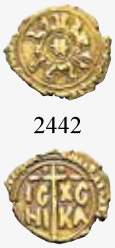
2439 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.76 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382. Spahr 121. MEC XIV, 438.
Minor areas of weakness on obverse and reverse slightly double-struck, otherwise good very fine /very fine 150

Ex DNW sale February 21, 1996, 111.

2440 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.16 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Four annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382. Spahr 121. MEC XIV, 438.
Very fine 150

2441 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.57 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382. Spahr 121. MEC XIV, 438.
Extremely fine 200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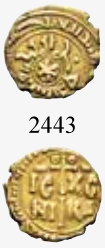
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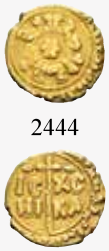
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2442 Tarì, Messina, AV 2 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382. Spahr 121. MEC XIV, 438.
About extremely fine 175

2443 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.23 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382. Spahr 121. MEC XIV, 438.
Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine 200

2444 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.32 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around six pointed star. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 382 variant without annulets in upper angles of reverse cross. Spahr 121 var. MEC XIV, 438 var.
Obverse struck from a rusty die and reverse slightly double-struck, otherwise very fine 250

2445

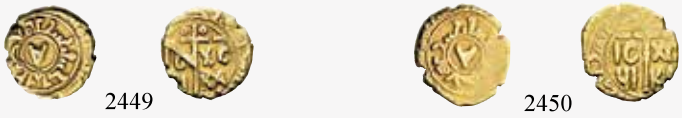
2445 Tarì, uncertain mint, AV 1.82 g. Arabic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around central cross with pellet in each quarter. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 383 but shorter dynastic title rather than the full personal title cited in MIN (pages 130-131). Spahr 122. MEC XIV unlisted. Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 626-627, 118 (this coin).
Exceedingly rare. Extremely fine 2'500

2446 2447 2448

2446 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.16 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around V•. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft; annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 385. Spahr 132. MEC XIV, 439.
About extremely fine 150

2447 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.77 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around "V•. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Unrecorded variant without annulets in upper quarters of cross. Reverse field letters under horizontal suspension marks. MIN 385 variant. Spahr 132 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very rare. Slightly double-struck, otherwise good very fine 500

2448 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.25 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around " V " with pellet between the arms of the V Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft; annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 386. Spahr 133. MEC XIV unlisted.
Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise very fine / good very fine 150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2449 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.41 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around ∀ or barred V. Rev. IC – XC / [N]I – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 386.a. Spahr 134. MEC XIV unlisted.
Insignificant die-break on the reverse, otherwise very fine 175

2450 Tarì, Messina,, AV 2.61 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around ∀ or barred V. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft. Annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 386.a. Spahr 134. MEC XIV unlisted.
Areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 150

2451

2451 Tarì, Messina?, AV 0.63 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around monogram of TAN ligate. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA flanking cross on shaft; annulets in upper quarters of cross. MIN 387. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Exceedingly rare. Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 1'000

2452 2453 2454 2455

2452 Tarì, Palermo, AV 2.62 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388. Spahr 123. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare. About extremely fine 200

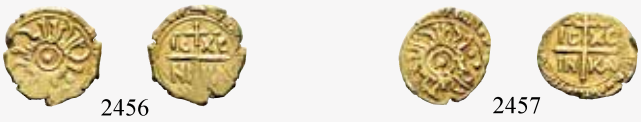
2453 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.24 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388. Spahr 123. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 150

2454 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.71 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388. Spahr 123. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 200

WJC: Nice, full.

2455 Tarì, Palermo, AV 2.03 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388. Spahr 123. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely fine 200

WJC: Very full.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2456 Tarì, Palermo,, AV 2.48 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388. Spahr 123. MEC XIV unlisted.
Areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 175

2457 Tarì, Palermo, AV 1.44 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / IN (sic!) – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388 variant. Spahr 123 var. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 194.

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2458 Tarì, Palermo, AV 2.43 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with barred bottom; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 388 variant. Spahr 123 var.
Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise very fine 125

2459 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.22 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross flanked by two pellets at top, two pellets at bottom and a pellet at ends of lower cross arm; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 389. Spahr 124. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very rare. Good extremely fine 200

2460

2460 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 2.39 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross flanked by two pellets at top of cross arm; horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Very rare. Extremely fine 500

2461

2461 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.16 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed three pellets. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross; horizontal suspension marks over IC XC and bar at end of cross. MIN unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
Extremely rare. Extremely fine 250

2462

2462 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 3.1 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam" around double ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with crosslets at end of each arm. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 390. Spahr unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted.
A very rare issue and even rarer with such a heavy weight.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 700

WJC: The short, dynastic, form of the obverse legend indicates this may be an early issue of the patrarchial cross reverse type. This is consistent with MIN 390 (see text in MIN page 132) due to the presence of the shorter "dynastic" obverse legend rather than the "personal" legend of Spahr 125 (where the illustration on Plate XXI clearly shows a coin with the personal obverse legend).

2463

2463 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.93 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed pellet. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN unlisted. Spahr 125. MEC XIV unlisted.

Very rare. Extremely fine 700

WJC: This is not MIN 390 due to the presence of the longer "personal" obverse legend rather than the "dynastic" legend of MIN 390. It is consistent with the photo of Spahr 125 on plate XXI though he makes no distinction in the text.

2464 2465 2466

2464 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 0.92 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed star of eight points. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 392.a. Spahr 128. MEC XIV, 440-441.

Rare. Very fine 150

2465 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.5 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed star of eight points. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 392a. Spahr 128. MEC XIV, 440-441.

Rare. About extremely fine 200

Ex Vecchi sale 1, 1996, 1448.

2466 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 0.88 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed star of ten points. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 392.b. Spahr 129. MEC XIV, 440-441var.

Rare. Extremely fine 175

2467

2467 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.4 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed cross pattée. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 393. Spahr 130. MEC XIV unlisted.

Rare. Extremely fine 1'500

WJC: Exceptional and rare and a beautiful coin.

2468

2468 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 1.42 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed cross pattée. Rev. [I]C – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 393. Spahr 130. MEC XIV unlisted.

Rare. Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine 500

WJC: Very nice and rare.

2469

2470

2471

2469 Tarì, Palermo or Messina, AV 2.16 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mansur bi-llah" around ringed cross pattée. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 393. Spahr 130. MEC XIV unlisted.
Rare. Weakly struck, otherwise very fine 150

2470 Half tercenarius, Palermo, Billon 0.84 g. Cufic inscription in five lines: "duriba/bi-madinat Siqilliyyah/bi-amr al-malik Tanqrir/al-mu'azzam khallada/Allahu malkahu" translated as "struck at Palermo by order of King Tancred the magnificent, may God let him rule long" Rev. ✠ DEXTERA DNI·EXALTAVIT·ME around TACD'· / REX·SI /CILIE· in three lines in centre. MIN 396. Spahr 135. MEC XIV, see page 129. MIR 450.
Rare. About extremely fine 300

Privately purchased from Steve Album.

2471 Quarter tercenarius, Palermo, Billon 0.39 g. TACD· / REX·SI /CILIE· in three lines. Rev. Cufic inscription in three lines: "Tanqrir/malik/Siqilliyah" omitting mint name. MIN 397. Spahr 137. MEC XIV, 444-445. MIR 451.
About extremely fine 150

Privately purchased from Steve Album.

2472.1

2472.2

2472 Lot of two coins: **2472.1** Quarter tercenarius, Palermo, billon 0.36 g. TACD· / REX·SI /CILIE· in three lines. Rev. Cufic inscription in three lines: "Tanqrir/malik/Siqilliyah" omitting mint name. MIN 397. Spahr 137. MEC XIV, 444-445. MIR 451. – **2472.2** Fractional dirham, Palermo, billon 0.37 g. Cufic inscription in three lines: "al-malik/Tanqrir/al-mu'azzam" . Rev. Cufic inscription above and below a central cross: "billah/ ✠ /al-mansur". MIN 398. Spahr 138. MEC XIV, 446. MIR 452 (kharruba).
Very fine 100

Continental issues of Tancred

2473

2473 Tarì, Amalfi, AV 0.84 g. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam al-mansur bi-llah" around TACD' (TA ligate) with annulet above suspension; abbreviation marks all above central inscription with .o. below. Rev. Cufic legend "al-malik Tanqrir al-mu'azzam al-mansur bi-llah" around around REX with " ·✶· " above and below. MIN 394 variant. (obverse with annulets in place of stars). MEC XIV, 454 var. MIR 34 var. Friedberg 48.
Very rare. Extremely fine 2'000

Ex NAC/Spink Taisei sale 52, 1994, 841.

2474

2474 Tarì, Salerno, AV 0.87 g. Cufic legend on three lines with star between first and second lines: "al-malik/Tanqrir/al-mu'azzam". Rev. Arabic-Latin inscription in three lines: "nasir/TACD'REX/ al-nasraniyyah" meaning "King Tancred, Protector of Christianity". MIN 395. Cappelli 228. MEC XIV, 455. MIR 739. Friedberg 1010.

Very rare. About extremely fine 2'000

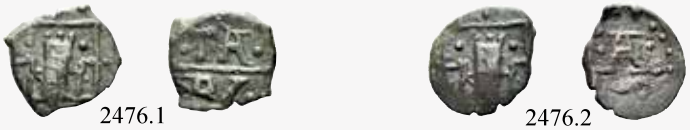
Ex NAC sale 104, 2017, 376.

2475

2475 Follaro, Æ 1.49 g. Lion's head facing, surrounded by pellets and annulets. Rev. TAN[CR]ED [RX] followed by [annulet], all around central cross. MIN 401. Cappelli 229. MEC XIV 460. MIR 743.

Very rare. Very fine 200

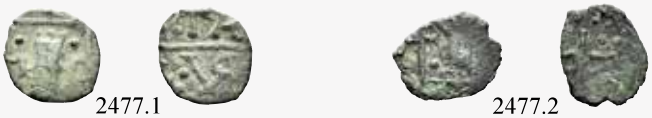
Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2476.1 2476.2

2476 Lot of two coins: **2476.1** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.99 g. Castle with square courtyard behind and pellets flanking central tower. Rev. ·TA· /·RX· (ligate). MIN 402. Cappelli 230. MEC XIV, 461-464. MIR 744. **2476.2** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.12 g. Castle with square courtyard behind and pellets flanking central tower. Rev. ·TA· (ligate) /[·RX· (ligate)]. MIN 402 variant with ligate TA. Cappelli 230 var. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR 744 var.

Good very fine 100

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2477.1 2477.2

2477 Lot of two coins: **2477.1** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 0.88 g. Castle with square courtyard behind and pellets flanking central tower. Rev. ·TA(ligate)·/ ·XЯ (ligate). MIN 402 variant. (TA). Cappelli 231. MEC XIV, 465. MIR 745. – **2477.2** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 0.84 g. Castle with square courtyard behind and pellets flanking central tower Rev ·TC· / [·RX· (ligate)]. MIN 402? or 403?. Cappelli 230 or 232. MEC XIV see page 139. MIR 746.

Rare (1), very rare (1). Very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2478

2478 Large follaro, Salerno, Æ 4.37 g. TA ligate between two stars. Rev. RX ligate surrounded by four pellets. MIN 404. Cappelli 233. MEC XIV, 456. MIR 740.
Lovely green patina and extremely fine 800

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2479.1 2479.2

2479 Lot of two coins: **2479.1** Concave follaro, Salerno, Æ.80 g. ·TA(ligate) ·C· with horizontal suspension marks above, all over ·D'. Rev. RX (ligate) surrounded by four stars and two pellets. MIN 405. Cappelli 234. MEC XIV, 457-458. MIR 742. **2479.2** Follaro, Salerno, Æ 1.45 g. ·TA(ligate) ·C· with horizontal suspension mark over TA. Rev. RX (ligate). MIN 405.a. Cappelli 235. MEC XIV, 459. MIR 742 var.
Very fine 75

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.

2480 2481

2480 Follaro, Gaeta, Æ 3.11 g. ✠ CIVI[TAS GAE]TA around castle. Rev.[✠ T]ANC DEI GR[A REX] around cross fourchée with pellet at end of arms and wedges in quarters. MIN 408, with obverse counterstamp. MEC XIV, see page 139. MIR 454.
About very fine 150

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, l994, 975.

2481 Follaro, Gaeta, Æ 3.67 g. ✠ CIVI[TAS GAETA] around castle. Rev. [✠ TANC DEI] GRA RE[X] around cross fourchée with pellet at end of arms and wedges in quarters. MIN 408. MEC XIV, see page 139. MIR 454.
Counterstamp on reverse, fine 100

2482

2482 Follaro, Gaeta, Æ 5.25 g. ✠ TANC DEI GRA RX around lion's head facing 3/4 r. Rev. [✠ CI]VITAS GAIE[TA] around castle. Spinelli p. 196, 1 (this coin). MIN 409 (this coin). MEC XIV see page 139. MIR 455 (this coin).
Exceedingly rare, only three specimens known, the other two in the Papadopoli and Ferraro collections. Good very fine / very fine 2'000

Ex Giulio Sambon, Milano 3rd-4th April 1897, Sambon 303, Sambon-Canessa, Naples 10th December 1921, Sambon-Giliberti 241 sales and NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, l994, 976.
WJC: Ex Spinelli Principe di San Giorgio, Sambon and Sambon-Giliberti collections.

Sicilian FOLLARI of TANCRED and ROGER III, 1192-1193

2483

2483 Lot of two coins: Follaro, Messina, Æ of 2.23 g. and 2.01 g. Cufic legend in two lines: "al-malik/Tanqrir". Rev. ✠ ROGERIVS: around REX with annulet above and below. MIN 399. Spahr 139. MEC XIV, 447-448. MIR 45.
Lovely green patina and extremely fine 100

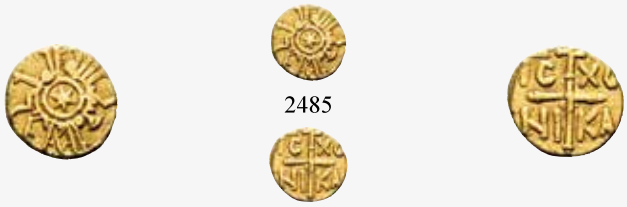
TARÌ of ROGER III

WJC: The following two coins are previously unrecorded. They are the product of a single obverse die differing from the coinage of Roger II by lacking the usual "al-mu'azzam" (the Great) obverse title. The reverse dies, the first from the coinage of William II, and the second from the later coinage of Tancred, makes these attributable to Roger III.

2484

2484 Tarì, uncertain mint 1192-1193, AV 1.37 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Rujjar al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around star of six points. Rev. Long cross flanked by IC – XC/ NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks and an annulet in the two upper quarters of the cross. MIN unrecorded. Spahr unrecorded. MEC XIV unrecorded. MIR unrecorded. Friedberg unrecorded.
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 4'000

WJC: This coin is an obverse die duplicate of the following coin and a reverse die duplicate of a tari of William II MIN type 356 var, (2.17 g.) in the collection, lot 2407.



2485

2485 Tarì, uncertain mint 1192-1193, AV 1.24 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Rujjar al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around star of six points. Rev. Patriarchal cross flanked by IC – XC/ NI – KA under horizontal suspension marks and an annulet in the two upper quarters of the cross. MIN unrecorded. Spahr unrecorded. MEC XIV unrecorded. MIR unrecorded. Friedberg unrecorded.
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 4'000

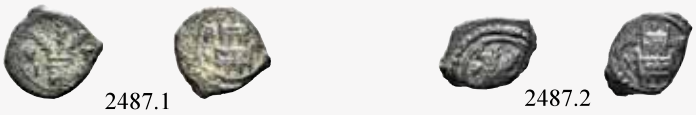
WJC: This coin is an obverse die duplicate of the preceding coin and bears a reverse type, with the Patriarchal Cross, only used in the later issues of Tancred and the issues of William III.

Continental follari of TANCRED and WILLIAM III

2486

2486 Follaro, Salerno 1193-1194, Æ 1.54 g. V / I – [T / D] flanking three palm branches in a pot. Rev. R – R / X Castle. MIN 406. Cappelli 237. MEC XIV, 466-473. MIR 748.
Dark green patina, good very fine 200

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.


2487.1 2487.2

2487 Lot two of coins: **2487.1** Follaro, Salerno 1193-1194, Æ 1.34 g. V / I – T / D flanking three palm branches in a pot. Rev. R / [X – R] Castle. MIN 406 variant. Cappelli 237-239 var. (not retrograde). MIR 750. - **2487.2** Follaro, Salerno 1193-1194, Æ 1.12 g. V / I – [T / D] flanking three palm branches in a pot. Rev. R / X – R Castle. MIN 406 variant. Cappelli 237-239 var. (not retrograde). MIR 750.
Very fine 50

TARì of WILLIAM III, February – November 1194

2488

2488 Tarì, Messina, AV 3.24 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around pellet in double circle. Rev. IC – XC/ NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with cross bar at base. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 410. Spahr 141. MEC XIV, see pages 139-140. MIR 46. Friedberg unlisted.
Extremely rare and struck on a flan of unusual weight.
Minor areas of weakness, good very fine 3'000

Ex NAC sale 20, 2000, 806.
WJC: Very heavy and complete.

2489

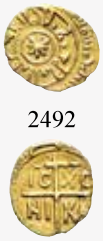
2489 Tarì, Messina,, AV 2.75 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around pellet in double circle. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with pellets at base and at ends of horizontal arm of cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 411. Spahr 142. MEC XIV see pages 139-140. MIR 46 var.
Extremely rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 3'000

2490

2491

2490 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.23 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around pellet in double circle. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with pellets at base and at ends of horizontal arm of cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 410 or MIN 411. Spahr 141 or 142. MEC XIV see pages 139-140. MIR 46.
Very rare. Very fine 200

2491 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.15 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around pellet in double circle. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross with pellets at base and at ends of horizontal arm of cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 410 or MIN 411. Spahr 141 or 142. MEC XIV see pages 139-140. MIR 46.
Very rare. Very fine 200


2492

2492 Tarì, Messina, AV 1 g. Cufic legend: "al-malik Ghulyalim al-mu'tazz bi-llah" around eight-pointed star in circle. Rev. IC – XC / NI – KA in quarters of patriarchal cross. Horizontal suspension marks over IC – XC. MIN 412. Spahr 143. MEC XIV see pages 139-140. MIR 47.
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 3'000

HENRY of HOHENSTAUFEN, king of the Romans 1169, VI as emperor 1191-1197, king of Sicily 1194-1197

2493

2493 Tarì, Amalfi Summer 1194, AV 0.84 g. [+ HE]INRICVS · SEXTV[S] Crowned bust of Henry with pendilia, holding cross-tipped sceptre; star in r. field. Rev. Ç ROMANOR · IMPATR around central cross fourchée with pellets at ends of limbs. Outer circle of stars around all. MEC XIV, 476. Sambon 1096. MIR 35 (R5).
Of the highest rarity, only very few specimens known and a very intriguing issue.
Extremely fine 8'000

2494

2494 Follaro, Salerno 1191, Æ 1.43 g. Bearded head of Henry (?) facing ¾ l.; in l. field, :. Rev. hEN / RIC'. MIN 442. MEC XIV, 474. Spahr 1. Cappelli 240. MIR 751.
Very rare and among the finest specimens known. Dark-green patina, extremely fine 1'200

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1606.

2495

2495 Quarter tercenarius, Palermo December 1194-1195, Billon 0.56 g. Arabic legend in three lines: "Harir/qaysar/awghust" . Rev. ·✠· / ZREX / SICIL' in three lines. MEC XIV, 477-78. Spahr 2. MIR 457.
Extremely fine 75

TARI of HENRY VI with fluent Arabic legends of MEC XIV Class A

2496

2496 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.4 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central pellet. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A1. Spahr 3.
Extremely fine 500

2497 2498 2499

2497 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.11 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central pellet inside circle. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A2. Spahr 4.
Good very fine 150

2498 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.18 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central large pellet and smaller pellet at 8 o'clock, all inside circle. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr 4 var.
Very fine 125

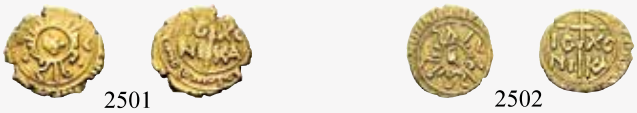
Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 763.

2499 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.54 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around one large and one small central pellet inside circle. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr 4 var. with two central pellets.
Good very fine 150

Ex Bertolami sale 52, 2018, 799.

2500

2500 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.45 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central small six-pointed star. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A3. Spahr 6.
Rare. Good very fine 250



2501 2502

2501 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.75 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central uncertain symbol with pellet. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A6. Spahr 5.
Rare. Very fine 175

2502 Tarì, Sicily, AV 0.99 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central uncertain symbol (possibly the letter "Nun" in Nashki, interpreted as representing "Sixth"), date 1196/97. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI IC – XC KA. MEC XIV, 480. Spahr 7.
Extremely fine 200

2503

2503 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.49 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central lis. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA . MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Extremely rare. Very fine 1'000
Ex NAC 157, 2025, 125.

2504

2504 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.12 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central cross with pellet in each quarter. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – K[A]. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A8. Spahr 16.
Very rare. Very fine 500

2505

2505 Tarì, Sicily, AV 0.85 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central large six-pointed star. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – K[A]. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Apparently unrecorded and unique. Good very fine 2'500

2506

2506 Tarì, Sicily, AV 0.9 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around large six pointed star with annulets at the ends of two rays (4 o'clock and 10 o'clock). Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA; pellet on shaft. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Apparently unrecorded and unique. Extremely fine 2'500

2507

2507 Tarì, Sicily, AV 0.67 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central large "V" with six-pointed star between the arms. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 153, Class A7. Spahr 18.
Extremely rare. Extremely fine 750

2508

2508 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.38 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central cross with three six-pointed stars around. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Possibly unique. Extremely fine 2'000

2509 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.08 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central four six-pointed stars distributed on limbs of central cross. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Extremely rare. and about extremely fine 1'250

Privately purchased from NAC on the 12th of January 2006.
WJC: The next four coins bear clear references to William III:

2510 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.29 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central large "V" with "G" between the arms (referring to William III). Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Exceedingly rare. Extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC 157, 2025, 119.
WJC: Perhaps three known specimens.

2511 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.23 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central large "W" (referring to William III). Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Of the highest rarity, apparently only three specimens known. An issue of tremendous historical importance. An insignificant die break on the obverse and areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 20'000

WJC: A spectacular coin. The finest of three known specimens, including one in the Naples museum.
Following the defeat of King Tancred of Lecce in December 1194, Henry entered Palermo and was recognized as king through his wife Constance, the sole surviving legitimate heir of the Hauteville line. In a calculated gesture of clemency, he initially extended a promise to Tancred's widow, Queen Sibilla, and her young son William III, the last of the Norman royal house: both were to be spared and allowed to share in the kingship, with Henry exercising authority jointly in the name of the boy king.
This benevolent posture, reflected in the early administrative measures and perhaps implicitly in the initial minting of Sicilian coinage under his reign, was short- lived. Within months, suspicions of conspiracy—or pretexts for consolidation — led Henry to revoke his assurances. Sibilla and her son were arrested and deported to Germany, where they were confined at Hohenems and later at Alt-Ems. William III, blinded and maimed, disappeared from record — an act widely seen by contemporaries as both a violation of chivalric honor and the extinguishing of the legitimate Sicilian line. These tarì, with the V and the W, are sad testimonial of the ruse.

WJC: The following two coins combined, repeat the obverse and reverse types of the large bronze follaro of William II:

2512

2512 Tarì, Sicily, AV 1.71 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central head of lion facing. Rev. Long cross between [I]C – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA. MEC XIV 479. Spahr 14 (this coin).
Very rare. Extremely fine 2'500

Ex Bank Leu / M&M March 11, 1987, Spahr 165 and Gorny & Mosch 166, 2008, Kowalski 3923 sales.

2513

2513 Tarì, Sicily, AV 3.38 g. Arabic legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central palm with dates. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted.
Very rare. Very fine 1'250

Ex NAC/Spink Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1027.

TARI of HENRY VI with stylized Cufic legend of MEC XIV Class B

2514

2514 Tarì, Brindisi or Sicily 1196, AV 4.25 g. Arabic legend in geometric style script: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central "P", perhaps the letter "Wen" or "Wynn" as seen in the Old English alphabet and on Norman/Saxon coins representing a "W", again a likely reference to William III. Rev. Long cross with pellets in upper quarters between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA. Pellets by reverse cross that may indicate Brindisi mint. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see p. 153, Class B1. Spahr 9.
Very fine 500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1026.

WJC: Heavy.

DENARO of HENRY VI alone

2515

2515 Denaro, Brindisi 1194-1196, AR 0.85 g. ✠·E·INPERATOR around cross pattée; crescent in 2nd quarter. Rev. ✠ APULIENSIS around crown. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 154 A. Travaini (1993) 1 var. (crescent in 1st and 4th quarters) = Spahr 24. MIR 254 var. (R5, crescent in 1st quarter).
Extremely rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 500

Coins of HENRY VI and CONSTANCE of HAUTEVILLE, 1194-1197

2516

2516 Gaeta, Follaro summer 1194, Æ 4.9 g. ✠ [M]ON CIV[IT] GAIETE Crowned facing bust holding sceptre; three pellets in r. field. Rev. [✠ IPR]IA[L].mAIESTA Crowned facing bust holding sceptre; three pellets in r. field. MIN 443. MEC XIV, 475. MIR 457 (R4).
Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Dark-green patina and good very fine 1'250

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 977.

2517

2517 Denaro, Sicily? 1194-1196, Billon 0.45 g. ✠ E(or I) INPERTR [...] Head l., wearing conical helmet. Rev. ✠ INPERATRX:C Crowned head l. Travaini (1993) unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Unique. Old cabinet tone, minor areas of weakness otherwise about extremely fine 2'000

Ex Artemide sale XXX, 2010, 781.
WJC: This and the follari of Gaeta are the only coins bearing portraits of both Henry and Costanza. Unrecorded anywhere.

2518

2518 Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.74 g. ✠ ·E·INPERATOR· Cross pattée. Rev. ·C·INPERATOR·X Eagle with wings spread, head l. Travaini (1993) unlisted. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Extremely rare. Very fine 250

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5315.

WJC: Unrecorded intermediate type between the sole type of Henry VI reading ✠ E INPERATOR on both sides (Travaini (1993) 2; Spahr 25) and the types with Constance reading C INPERATRIX on one side and ✠ E INPERATOR on the other. The side bearing the eagle clearly reads "C" not "E".

ex 2519

2519 Lot of two coins: Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.82 g. and 0.69 g. ✠ ENRICI INPATOR Cross pattée. Rev. ·C·STACIAIPATIX Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 154 B. Travaini (1993) 3. Spahr 26. MIR 54 (Messina).

Extremely fine; chipped, otherwise about very fine 120

2520

2520 Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.86 g. ✠ ·E·INPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. ·C·IMPERATRI·X Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, 483. Travaini (1993) 4. Spahr 28. MIR 55 (Messina).

Good extremely fine 100

WJC: Spectacular condition.

2521.1 2521.2

2521 Lof two coins: **2521.1** Half denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.43 g. ✠ ·E·INPERATOR· Cross pattée. Rev. ·C·IMPERATRI·X Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, 484 var. Travaini (1993) 4a. Spahr unlisted. MIR 56 (Messina). – **2521.2** Half denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, billon, 0.64 g. ✠ ·E INPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. C·IMPERATRI·X Eagle with wings spread, head l.; two pellets below wings. MEC XIV, 484 var. Travaini (1993) 4a var. Spahr unlisted. MIR 56 var. (Messina).

Extremely fine 250

Ex Italo Vecchi sale 2, 1997, 1650.

2522

2522 ¼ denaro, Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.37 g. ✠ ·C·INPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. C·NPERATRIX Eagle with wings spread, head r. MEC XIV unlisted, 484 for the type. Travaini (1993) unlisted, 4 for the type. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted, 56 for the type.
Apparently unique. Fine 400

WJC: Very small die surfaces, almost certainly too small for a half denaro. Also note eagle faces right not left and error in obverse legend "C" instead of "E". Unpublished.

2523

2523 Denaro Palermo or Messina 1194-1196, Billon 0.61 g. ✠ E INPERATOR Cross pattée with a six-pointed star in 1st quarter. Rev. C·INPERATRIX Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, unlisted; Travaini (1993) 6 bis (this coin). Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Apparently unique. Edge chipped, very fine 100

2524.1 2524.2

2524 Lof two coins: **2524.1** Denaro, Palermo or Messina (?) 1194-1196, billon 0.90 g. ✠ ·E·INPERATOR Cross pattée with small annulet in each quarter. Rev. ✠ ·C·INPERATRIX Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV 484a var. Travaini (1993) 5 var (annulets instead of pellets). Spahr 29 var. MIR 55 (Messina). – **2524.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1194-1196, billon 0.77 g. HE·INPERATOR· Cross pattée with star in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ·C·INPERATRIX around A·P in centre with suspension mark above. MEC XIV, 485-487. Travaini (1993) 7. Spahr 30. MIR 256.
About very fine and good very fine 100

One of three ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5319.

2525

2525 Half denaro, Brindisi 1194-1196, Billon 0.38 g. HE·INPERATOR· Cross pattée with six-pointed star in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. C·INPERATRIX· around A·P in centre with suspension mark above. MEC XIV, unlisted. Travaini (1993) 7a. Spahr 31. MIR 257 (R4).
Very rare. Extremely fine 125

Ex Artemide Aste XXXII, 2011, 271.

DENARI of HENRY VI and FREDERICK, 1196-1197

2526.1 2526.2 2526.3

2526 Lot of three coins: **2526.1** Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1196-1197, AR 0.70 g. ✤·E·INPERATOR Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. FREDERIC'REX Crowned bust facing; the crown and bust are decorated. MEC XIV, 489-490. Travaini (1993) 8. Spahr 32 var. MIR 58 var. (Messina). - **2526.2** Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1196-1197, billon 0.64 g. ✠ E INPERATOR Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. FREDERIC'REX Crowned bust with pendilia; crown and bust are plain. MEC XIV, 488. Travaini (1993) 8. Spahr 32. MIR 58 (Messina). - **2526.3** Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1196-1197, billon 0.77 g. ✠ E INPERATOR Eagle with wings spread, head l.; an annulet on each wing. Rev. FREDERIC'REX Crowned bust with pendilia. MEC XIV, 491. Travaini (1993) 9. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Very fine to extremely fine 300

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 243; privately purchased from Andy Singer 197?; ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 245.

COINS of CONSTANCE, 1197-1198

2527

2527 Tarì, Sicily 1197-1198, AV 1.87 g. Henry legend in Arabic "Harir qaysar awghust" around central C. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) /NI – KA. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 153, Class C1. Spahr 19 (Messina or Brindisi).

Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 800

WJC: This coin and the following were probably issued under the authority of Constance in 1197-1198.

2528

2528 Tarì, Sicily or Brindisi, AV 1197-1198, AV 2.7 g. Henry legend in Arabic "Harir qaysar awghust" around central ·C·. Rev. Long cross between IC – XC (both under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KA with pellets in quarters above usual cross. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 153 Class C2. Spahr 22 (Messina or Brindisi).

Very rare. Very fine / extremely fine 1'200

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 166, 2008, Kowalski 3927.

WJC: The presence of pellets by the reverse cross on this coin but their absence on the previous coin may indicate the products of two different mints.

2529 2530

2529 Follaro, Salerno 1191 or Messina 1197, Æ 1.11 g. ✠ CON[STANCIA] ✶ Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ IMP[ERATRIX] Six pointed star. MEC XIV, 492 (Messina). Cappelli 241 (Salerno). Spahr 33 (Messina). MIR 57 (Messina).
Very rare. Dark green patina and good very fine 250

2530 Follaro, Salerno 1191 or Messina 1197, Æ 1.82 g. [✠ CONSTANCIA✶] Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. [✠ IMPERATRIX] Six pointed star. MEC XIV, 492 (Messina). Cappelli 241 (Salerno). Spahr 33 (Messina). MIR 57 (Messina).
Very rare. Very fine 150

WJC: The above coins have been attributed to Salerno in 1191 or to Messina in 1197. I think the former more likely. It seems that reverting to a follaro coinage in 1197, after the institution of a very substantial denaro coinage, would be unlikely.

Continental issues of CONSTANCE and FREDERICK, 1197-1198

2531

2531 Tarì, Amalfi AH 594 / November 1197-November 1198, AV 0.84 g. Arabic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" (Frederic King of Sicily) around central FRE with bar over the "R". Rev. +C ROMANOR ImP ⁃ around eight pointed star. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 165 and illustration on page 166 taken from Spinelli, pl. XX, 3. MIR 37, (R5, this coin). Friedberg 52.
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 5'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 842.

WJC: The only coin of the type I have seen.

2532

2532 Tarì, Amalfi 595 AH / November 1198-November 1199, AV 0.89 g. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in his reign in the year five hundred ninety-five' around inner circle Latin legend: ✠ FRE·REX SICILIE around central palm branch. Rev. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in the year one-hundred one-thousand ninety and eight' around inner Arabic legend: "Qustansah inbiratrigah Rumah" (Constance Imperatrix of the Romans) all around central cross pattée. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 165 and illustration on page 166 = Spinelli, pl. XX, 1. MIR 36 (R5). Friedberg 51 (Rare). R. Levinson, The Early Dated Coins of Europe 1234-1500, Clifton 2007, p. 258.
Very rare. Extremely fine 2'000

Privately purchased via NAC from Roma Numismatics sale XX, 2020, 978.

WJC: The finest I have seen.

2533 Tarì, Amalfi 595 AH / November 1198-November 1199, AV 0.87 g. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in his reign in the year five hundred ninety-five' around inner circle Latin legend: ✠ FRE·REX·SICILIE· around central palm branch. Rev. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in the year one-hundred one-thousand ninety and eight' around inner Arabic legend: "Qustansah inbiratrigah Rumah" (Constance Imperatrix of the Romans) all around central cross pattée. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 165 and illustration on page 166 = Spinelli, pl. XX, 1. MIR 36 (R5). Friedberg 51 (Rare). R. Levinson, The Early Dated Coins of Europe 1234-1500, Clifton 2007, p. 258.

Very rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 1'500

Ex Artemide Aste sale LX, 2023, 766.

WJC: As previous but palm branch is convex and cross side is concave

2534 Tarì, Amalfi 595 AH / November 1198-November 1199, AV 0.7 g. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in his reign in the year five hundred ninety-five' around inner circle Latin legend: ✠ FRE·REX·SIC[ILIE·] around central palm branch. Rev. Outer circular Cufic legend: 'Struck in the year one-hundred one-thousand ninety and eight' around inner Arabic legend: "Qustansah inbiratrigah Rumah" (Constance Imperatrix of the Romans) all around central cross. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 165 and illustration on page 166 taken from Spinelli, pl. XX, 1. MIR 36 (R5). Friedberg 51 (Rare). R. Levinson, The Early Dated Coins of Europe 1234-1500, Clifton 2007, p. 258.

Chipped flan, otherwise very fine 500

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVII, 2017, 414.

COINS of FREDERICK as king of Sicily, 1198-1250, king of the Romans 1212-1220, II as emperor from 1220.

2535

2535 Tarì, Amalfi 1198, AV 0.86 g. Arabic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" (Frederick King of Sicily) around central FRE with bar over the R. Rev. ✠ REX·SICILIE· around central eight-pointed star. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 166. MIR 38 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Extremely fine 2'500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 843.

2536

2536 Tarì, Amalfi 1198, AV 0.84 g. Arabic legend: "al malik Fridrik al-mu'azzam" (The Illustrious King Frederick) around central F between four annulets. Rev. Arabic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" (Frederick King of Sicily) around central REX. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 166. MIR 39 (R5).
Exceedinlgy rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Extremely fine 10'000

These are likely issues of Frederick's minority. His father, Holy Roman Emperor Henry VI died on 28 September 1197 in Messina. Frederick's mother, Constance the daughter of King Roger II and wife of Henry VI, continued to reign as Queen of Sicily in her own right until her death on 27 November 1198. She reigned jointly with her infant son from his coronation as King of Sicily on 17 May 1198. After Constance's death a succession of regents beginning with Pope Innocent III, Cencio who would become Pope Honorius III, Markward von Annweiler, William of Capparone and Walter of Palearia had control of the young Frederick. He attained his majority in 1208 and in 1209 wed Constance of Aragon.

EARLY TARI OF FREDERICK but with LATE STYLE HENRY LEGEND of MEC XIV Class A. Issues of 1197 - 1208 AD.

2537

2537 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.08 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central cross with pellet in 1st and 4th quarter. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC /ИI – KΛ; annulet l. at base of cross. MEC XIV, unlisted. Spahr 17.a (Henry VI). MIR 50 (Henry VI).
Very rare. Good very fine 1'000

WJC: This coin has types similar to Spahr 39, which bears a Frederick legend (see coin of Spahr type 40 below, lot 2547 in this sale). This coin is a die duplicate of NAC sale 3, lot 204, which is incorrectly described as Spahr 39. Perhaps these coins are early issues of Frederick II with somewhat blundered legends of Henry VI.

2538

2538 Tarì, Brindisi or Sicily, AV 1.78 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around • / F C / • (FREDERICK AND CONSTANCE). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC/ IH (*sic!*) – KΛ with pellet in upper quarters of cross. MEC XIV not in catalogue but see page 158, Class A6. Spahr 65 (this coin). MIR 75 (Messina). Friedberg unlisted.
Very rare. Very fine 750

Ex Bank Leu/M&M sale March 11, 1987, Spahr, 173 (there erroneously listed as Fε).
WJC: Is this Frederick's coin issued jointly with his mother in 1197-1198 or is it later with his wife, Constance of Aragon issued circa 1209, as Spahr catalogued it? It bears a late Henry legend as does the previous coin and is close in style and legend to the Markward pieces that follow, lots 1154 and 1155). It is best assigned to very early in the reign of Frederick and the "C" in the centre of the obverse field most likely refers to his mother.

2539

2539 Tarì, Brindisi or Sicily, AV 2.64 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around M (Markward von Annweiler as Regent 1198-1202, see note for . 1154). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ with pellet in upper quarters of cross. MEC XIV, 482. Spahr 23 (Henry VI, this coin). MIR 50 (Henry VI). Friedberg unlisted.

Rare. Very fine 2'000

Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 767.

WJC: This coin and the following one were probably issued under the authority of Markward von Annweiler as Regent of Sicily in 1198-1202. Markward von Anweiler (c. 1150–1202) was a prominent nobleman and military commander in the service of the Holy Roman Emperor Henry VI. Of relatively modest origins, he rose rapidly through imperial favor and became one of the emperor's most trusted lieutenants during the imperial campaigns in Italy and Sicily. After Henry VI's death in 1197, Markward played a crucial role in the struggle for control of the Kingdom of Sicily during the minority of Frederick II. Appointed imperial regent and guardian of the young king by the emperor's will, he attempted to assert imperial authority over the kingdom, coming into conflict with papal forces and local barons. His career illustrates both the opportunities and the intense political rivalries that characterized the late Hohenstaufen period.

2540

2540 Tarì, Brindisi or Sicily, AV 2.85 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around M (Markward von Annweiler as Regent). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / [N]I – KΛ with pellet in upper quarters of cross. MEC XIV, 482. Spahr 23. MIR 50 (Henry VI). Friedberg unlisted

Rare. Struck on irregular flan, otherwise very fine 750

2541

2541 Tarì, Sicily, AV 3.32 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around F E with pellet above (FREDERICK AND ENRICUS). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 158 Class A3. Spahr 62 (Messina). MIR 65 (Messina).

Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 750

2542

2542 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.34 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around F E (FREDERICK AND ENRICUS). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 158 Class A2. Spahr 61 (Messina). MIR 75 (Messina).
Good extremely fine 500

2543

2543 Tarì, Sicily, AV 3.9 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around FƐ (FREDERICK AND ENRICUS). Rev. Latin Cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ. MEC XIV. MEC XIV, 493. Spahr 59. MIR 65 (Messina). Friedberg 644 (Messina).
Good extremely fine 500

2544

2544 Tarì, Sicily, AV 6.33 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around FƐ (FREDERICK AND ENRICUS). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC –✠C / NI – KA (letter "X" composed of wedges). MEC XIV, 494-5. Spahr 59 var. (Messina). MIR 65 (Messina). Kowalski, SNR 55, p. 80. Friedberg 644 (Messina).
Unusual weight and very rare thus. Good extremely fine 1'000

Ex Gorny & Mosch 153, 2006, 4370 and Gorny & Mosch 177 2009, (Kowalski?) 4689 sales.
WJC: A beautiful and heavy coin.

2545

2545 Tarì, Sicily, AV 4.81 g. Late geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central FR with bar above (FREDERICUS or FREDERICUS REX). Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – ✠A (letter "X" composed of wedges). MEC XIV, 496. Spahr 63. MIR 65. Friedberg 647b.
Extremely fine 1'000

WJC: Very nice and heavy.

2546

2546 Tarì, Sicily, AV 2.97 g. Late and apparently blundered geometric Cufic Henry legend: "Harir qaysar awghust" around central pellet. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / III – KΛ. MEC XIV not in catalogue. Spahr cp. 3 (Henry). MIR cp. 50 (Henry VI). Friedberg cp. 642b. (Henry VI).

Areas of weakness, very fine 500

WJC: Similar type as Spahr 3 (Henry) but much different lettering. Perhaps this is an early issue of Frederick. Unpublished though I have seen one die duplicate in a private collection which was also attributed by the owner to early Frederick II.

TARI of FREDERICK IN HIS OWN NAME most in fluent Cufic or Nashki script firarik malik Siqilliya of MEC XIV Class B.

2547

2547 Tarì, Sicily, 1198 - 1208 AD, AV 1.7 g. Somewhat blundered geometric Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" (still showing traces of a "Henry legend") around cross potent with pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarter. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC /HI – KA with pellet over K and over A. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr 40 (this coin). MIR 62.

Extremely rare. Very fine 1'000

Ex Leu/M&M sale March 11, 1987, Spahr 168 (there type listed erroneously as Spahr 39 when it is, in fact Spahr 40).

WJC: This is perhaps the earliest Sicilian tari in Frederick's name, circa 1197-1198 AD or perhaps issued after coming of age in 1208.

2548

2548 Tarì, Messina or Brindisi 1198-1208 AD, AV 2.17 g. Fluent Nashki script: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around central pellet. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / III – KΛ with annulets above arms of cross. MEC XIV, not in catalog but see page 158, Class Bb 8. Spahr 34 (Messina or perhaps Brindisi). MIR 72 (Messina). Friedberg unlisted.

Very rare. Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise good very fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 202.

WJC: This is the earliest fluent Nashki legend giving Frederick's name correctly, circa 1197-1202 or an early issue of his majority from 1208 AD.

2549

2549 Tarì, Messina?, 1208-1220, AV 1.56 g. Clear Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around eagle with spread wings, head l. with two feathers. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA. MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 158, Class Ba 1. Spahr 51 (Messina). MIR 74 (Messina). Friedberg 651 (Messina)

Rare. Good extremely fine 350

2550 Tarì, Messina?, 1208-1220, AV 2.27 g. Clear Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around eagle with spread wings; head l. with two tail feathers closed by two crescents. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ. MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 158, Class Ba 1 variant. Spahr 51 variant. MIR 74 var. Balog "La monetazione della Sicilia araba e le sue imitazioni nell'Italia meridionale" in Gli Arabi in Italia, pages 626-627, 122.

Good extremely fine 750

2551 Tarì, Messina? 1208-1220, AV 1.51 g. Clear Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around eagle with spread wings, head l., with an annulet behind the head and an annulet on the tail. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 158, Ba 3. Spahr 53 or 54 (Messina). MIR 74 (Messina) for the type. Friedberg 651 (Messina) for the type.

Extremely rare variety. Extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 60, 2011, 136.

2552 Tarì, Messina? 1208-1220, AV 1.5 g. Clear Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around eagle with spread wings, head l., with an annulet behind the head and an annulet on the tail. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KΛ clear pellets above cross on reverse. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 158, Ba 3. Spahr 54 (Messina). MIR 74 (Messina) for the type. Friedberg unlisted.

Very rare. Very fine 350

2553 Tarì, Messina? 1208-1220, AV 1.44 g. Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around double-headed eagle. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA pellet at bottom of staff. MEC XIC not in collection but see page 158, Class Ba 4. Spahr 45 (Messina). MIR 73 (Messina). Friedberg unlisted.

Rare. Very fine 175

Ex NAC sale 68, 2012, 303.

2554

2554 Tarì, Messina? 1208-1220, AV 3.99 g. Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around double headed eagle with pellet between heads. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA. MEC XIV, 498. Spahr 46. Kowalski, SNR 55, p. 80 (this coin). MIR 63 (Messina). Friedberg unlisted.
Very heavy and very rare thus. Very fine / extremely fine 1'500

Ex Gorny & Mosch 153, 2006, 4368 and Gorny & Mosch 177, 2009, (Kowalski?) 4683 sales.

2555

2555 Tarì, Brindisi or Messina? 1208-1220, AV 2.77 g. Clear Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around cross with pellets in the quarters. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA with annulets in quarters above. MEC XIV, 499 variant (annulets above cross arms, Palermo or Messina?). Spahr 43 (Messina). MIR 62 var. (Messina). Friedberg 651a.
About extremely fine 500

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 1029 (there as Henry VI).

2556

2556 Tarì, Messina? 1208-1220, AV 4.48 g. Very stylized Cufic legend: "Fridrik malik Siqilliyyah" around cross with annulets in quarters. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC / ИI – KΛ. MEC XIV, not in catalogue but see page 158, Class Bb 14. Spahr 44 (Messina). MIR 62 (R3, Messina).
Extremely rare. Extremely fine 2'000

WJC: A beautiful and heavy coin.

2557

2557 Tarì, Brindisi or Messina? 1208-1220, AV 1.79 g. Degraded Arabic script around F. Rev. Latin cross flanked by [I]C – XC / [N]I – KΛ with two pellets above. MEC XIV not in collection but see page 158, Class Bb 15. Spahr 56 (this coin). MIR 75 (Messina). Friedberg unlisted.
Rare. Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 1'000

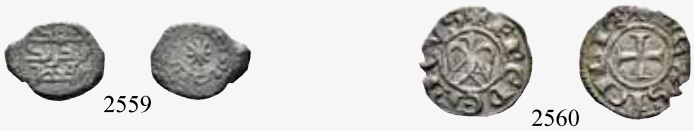
Ex Bank Leu/M&M 3/11/1987, Spahr 170 and Gorny & Mosch 177, 2009, 4684 sales.

2558

2558 Tarì, Palermo or Messina? 1208-1220, AV 2.64 g. Degraded Arabic script central R (Rex?). Rev. Latin cross flanked by [I]C – XC / III – KΛ [with annulets in quarters above]. MEC XIV, 497. Spahr 58. MIR 65 (Messina).
Rare. Very fine 400

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 212.

BILLON



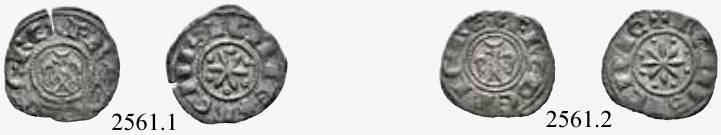
2559 2560

2559 Kharruba, Palermo 1197- c. 1200, Billon 1.39 g. Cufic legend in three lines: "al-malik Fridrik al-mu'azzam". Rev. Cufic legend: "duriba madinat Siqilliyyah" around eight-pointed star. MEC XIV, 500. Spahr unlisted. MIR 463.
Very fine 50

Privately purchased from Steve Album in 1986.

2560 Denaro, Brindisi c. 1197-1198, Billon 0.59 g. ✠ FREDERICVS Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ REX·SICILIE· around cross pattée. MEC XIV, see page 167, not in collection. Travaini (1993) 10. Spahr 55. MIR 261 e 81 (Messina).
Rare. Extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 249.



2561.1 2561.2

2561 Lot of two coins: **2561.1** Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1198-1208, billon 0.59 g. ✠ FREDERIC'REX Eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescent over its head. Rev. ✠ RGNI SICILIE around six-pointed star with pellets between rays. MEC XIV, 501. Travaini (1993) 11. Spahr 90. MIR 86 (Messina). **2561.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1198-1208, billon 0.59 g. ✠ FREDERIC'REX Eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescent over its head. Rev. ✠ RGNI SICILIE around eight-pointed star with pellets. MEC XIV, 502. Travaini (1993) 12. Spahr 91. MIR 86 (Messina).
About extremely fine 150

2562

2562 Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1198-1209, Billon 0.56 g. · F· – R – E – X· distributed in outer quarters of long cross with star in inner quarters 1 and 4, pellet in inner quarters 2 and 3. Rev. ✠ ·SICILIE· Eagle with wings spread, head l.; annulets on wings. MEC XIV, see page 167, but not in collection. Travaini (1993) 13. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.
Very rare. About extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 239.

Issues with CONSTANCE of ARAGON

2563

2563 Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, Billon 0.69 g. FREDERIC ·REX· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescents on each side of crown and pellets on each side of tail. Rev. ✠ ·C· – RE – GI – NA distributed in arms of long cross fleurdelisée with pellet above crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 503-506. Travaini (1993) 15. Spahr 86. MIR 82 (Messina).
Good extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste XXIX, 2010, 577.

2564.1

2564.2

2564 Lot of two coins: **2564.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.45 g. FREDERIC ·REX· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescents on each side of crown and pellets on each side of tail. Rev. ✠ ·C· – RE – GI – NA distributed in arms of long cross fleurdelisée with pellet above crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 503-506. Travaini (1993) 15. Spahr 86. MIR 82 (Messina). **2564.2** Half denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.33 g. [FR]EDERIC ·REX· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescents on each side of crown and pellets on each side of tail. Rev. ✠ ·C· – RE – GI – [NA] distributed in arms of long cross fleurdelisée with pellet above crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV p. 167, 4. Travaini (1993) 15a. Spahr 87. MIR unlisted.
Very fine to about extremely fine 250

Half denaro ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 425.

2565.1

2565.2

2565 Lot of two coins: **2565.1** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.64 g. ✠ FREDERICVS·R· Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ CONSTANCIA·R· around cross pattée with fleur facing inward in each quarter. MEC XIV, 507. Travaini (1993) 16. Spahr 88. MIR 83 (Messina). **2565.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.55 g. ✠ FREDERICVS·R· Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ CONSTANCIA·R· around cross pattée with fleurs facing inward but also with pellet in each quarter of cross. MEC XIV, 507 var. Travaini 16 var. Spahr 88 var. MIR 83 var. (Messina).
Very fine to extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste LIV, 2020, 426 (Spahr 88); Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5325.(Spahr 88)

2566

2567

2566 Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, Billon 0.63 g. Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.63 g. FREDERIC REX around crossed globus cruciger with annulets at each side of cross. Rev. ✤·C·REGINA· around eight-pointed star on crescent. MEC XIV, 508. Travaini (1993) 17. Spahr unlisted. MIR 85 (Messina).
Extremely fine 50

2567 Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, Billon 0.9 g. Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.90 g. FREDERIC REX around crossed globus cruciger with annulets at each side of cross. Rev. ✤·C·REGINA· around eight-pointed star on crescent. MEC XIV, 508. Travaini (1993) 17. Spahr unlisted. MIR 85 (Messina).
Good extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 430.
WJC: Full and the finest example I have seen.

2568.1

2568.2

2568.3

2568 Lot of three coins: **2568.1** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.70 g. FREDERIC REX around crossed globus cruciger with annulets at each side of cross. Rev. ✤·C·REGINA· around eight-pointed star on crescent. MEC XIV, 508. Travaini (1993) 17. Spahr unlisted. MIR 85 (Messina). – **2568.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.88 g. FREDERIC REX around crossed globus cruciger without annulets above orb. Rev. ✤·C·REGINA· around eight-pointed star on crescent. MEC XIV, 508 variant. Travaini (1993) 17 variant. Spahr unlisted. MIR 85 var. (Messina). Variant without annulets. **2568.3** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.88 g. FREDE[RIC R]EX Star of eight rays within globus cruciger with annulets at each side of cross. Rev. ✤ [C REGI]NA around eight-pointed star on crescent. MEC XIV, unrecorded but variant of 508. Travaini (1993) unrecorded but variant of type 17.
Rare. Very fine to good very fine 75

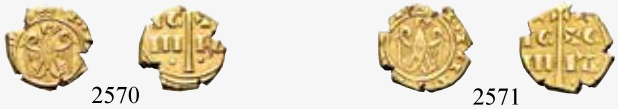
Ex Artemide Aste sale April 4th, 2001, 237 (MIR 85 var.); Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 431 (MIR 85 var.)

2569

2569 Denaro, Messina-Palermo? Issue of 1212/1213 as King of the Romans, Billon 0.67 g. ✠ F·ROM[AN]OR' Eagle with wings spread, head r. Rev. ET SICILIE· around R / EX. MEC XIV, see page 167 # The only one I have ever seen 7. Travaini (1993) 18. Spahr 89. MIR 84 (R5, Messina).
Exceedingly rare. About extremely fine 2'000

Ex Bolaffi sale 37, 2020, 616.
WJC: I have never seen another specimen of the type.
Frederic was elected King of the Romans on 5 December 1212 in Nuremberg and eventually in Mainz on 9 December 1212. (He had previously been elected in 1196 as a child at Frankfurt, but the generally recognized and effective election was in 1212.)

TARI of FREDERICK II from MESSINA MINT with LATIN LEGEND of MEC XIV Class C


2570 2571

2570 Tarì, Messina, AV 1.86 g. ·F·[IMPERATOR] around crowned eagle with wings spread, head r. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – ✠[C] / ИI – KA with pellets at base. MEC XIV, Class C 1, 509-12. Spahr 92. MIR 79.
Extremely fine 150

2571 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.08 g. ·F·IMPE[RATOR] around crowned eagle with wings spread, head r. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – ✠C / ИI – KA with pellets at base. MEC XIV, Class C 1, 509-12. Spahr 92. MIR 79.
Good very fine 150

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 204.

2572

2572 Tarì, Messina, AV 5.08 g. ·F·I[MP]ERA[T]OR· around crowned eagle with wings spread, head r.; fleur de lis tail and pellets beside wings. Rev. Double cross flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks) / HI – KA with pellets at base. MEC XIV, Class C 4, not in collection. Spahr 95. MIR 70.
Very fine 500

2573

2573 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.36 g. [·F·IM]PERATO[R·] around crowned eagle, head r., with wings spread and feathered tail. Rev. Latin cross with second cross bar and two lateral pellets near base of cross, all flanked by IC – ✠C (under horizontal suspension marks)/ ИI – KA. MEC XIV, Class C 2, not in collection. Spahr 96 (this coin). MIR 70. .
Rare. Very fine 500

Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 795.

2574

2574 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.03 g. [·F·IMP]ERATOR· around crowned eagle, head r., with wings spread and fleur de lis tail. Rev. Latin cross with pellet on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks)/ NI – KA. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted but cp. 96 for obverse. MIR unlisted.
Very rare. Good very fine 400

2575 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.74 g. ·F· IMPERATOR around eagle with wings spread, head l.; pellets above wings. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – ✠C (under horizontal suspension marks)/ ИI – KA. MEC XIV, Class D 6, 513. Spahr 97. MIR 71.
Rare. Almost invisible scuffs on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 400

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1045.

2576 Tarì, Messina, AV 3.87 g. ·F· IMPERATOR around eagle with wings spread, head l.; pellets above wings. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – ✠C (under horizontal suspension marks)/ ИI – KA. MEC XIV, Class D 6, 513. Spahr 97. MIR 71.
In exceptional conditions for the issue. Struck on a very large flan and perfectly centred.
Good extremely fine 750

Ex NAC Autumn sale, October 1995, 1136.
WJC: A beautiful coin.

2577 Tarì, Messina, AV 3.14 g. F. ·IMPERATOR around eagle with wings spread, head r.; pellets above wings. Rev. Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks) / ИI – KΛ. Unpublished type, similar to Spahr 97 but with head facing right.
Unique. Extremely fine 500

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 177, March 11, 2009, 4717

AUGUSTALE of FREDERICK II

2578

2578 Augustale of first type, Brindisi? c. 1231-1232, AV 5.19 g. ○ IMP ROM – CESAR AVG Crowned and draped bust r. Rev. ✠ FRIDE – RICVS· Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, see pages 172-173. Spahr 105. MIR 60 (R5, Messina).

Of the highest rarity, the fourth specimen known and the only one in private hands. Probably the most important coin of the entire Hohenstaufen coinage and an issue of tremendous importance and fascination. A portrait of superb style inspired by Roman numismatic portraiture, absolutely extraordinary for the period when this coin was produced, Light reddish tone and good very fine / about extremely fine 250'000

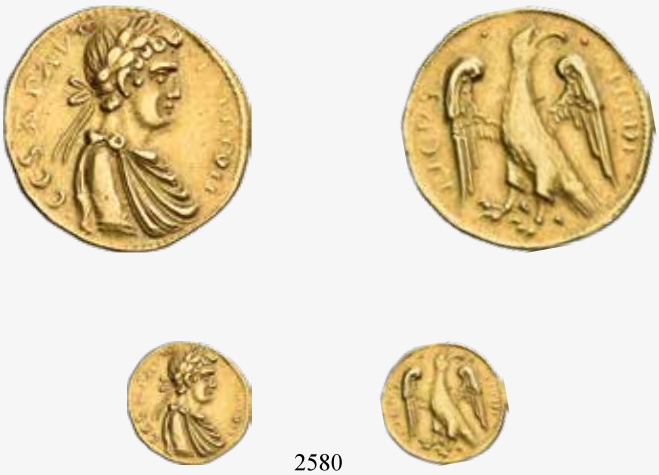
WJC: There are four known specimens of the type (Vienna, Rome, Dresden, this). This coin is an obverse die duplicate of the coin in Vienna. The reverse die is unknown.

This coin takes its inspiration from late Roman aurei. The flan shape and size, the weight, and the high relief design are all typical of Tetrarchic aurei. The obverse portrait and the eagle on the reverse are every bit as artistically accomplished as the best of those late third and early fourth century Roman models. Only the draped obverse bust but wearing a crown of a clearly medieval type, rather than a laurel wreath, separates this coin from a Roman aureus. Indeed this coin and the other three examples all in museum collections might be regarded as either the last Roman aurei or the earliest true Renaissance portrait coins.

2579

2579 Augustale normal type, Brindisi 1232-1250, AV 5.32 g. ·IMP ROM· – ·CESAR AVG· Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. · ✠ FRIDE – RICVS · Eagle with spread wings, facing ¾ l., head r. Kowalski 149, dies E35/B4. MEC XIV, 516. Spahr 100 (Brindisi e Messina). MIR 266 (this coin).
Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue, one of the finest augustali in private hands.
A coin of incredible beauty, the work of a very skilled master-engraver.
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 60'000

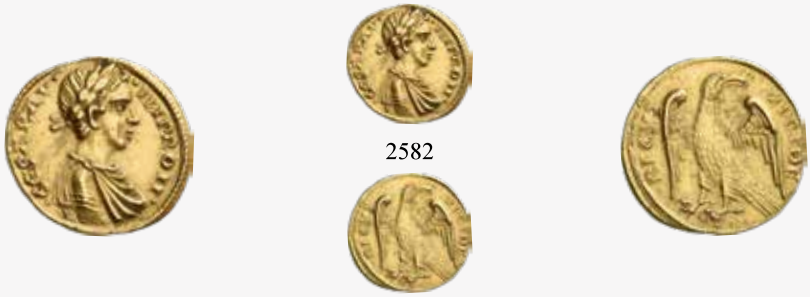
Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei 52, 1994, 918.
WJC: The finest "regular" augustale that I have seen. Exceptional style and condition.



2580

2580 Half augustale normal type, Brindisi 1232-1250, AV 2.61 g. ·IMP ROM· – ·CESAR AVG· Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. ✠ FRIDE – RICVS · Eagle with spread wings facing ¾ l., head, facing right. Kowalski dies G91/B82. MEC XIV, not in collection. Spahr 104 (Brindisi e Messina). MIR 267.
Very rare. Traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 5'000

2581 Augustale normal type, Messina 1232-1250, AV 5.26 g. ○IMP ROM – ·CESAR AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. ✠ FRIDE – RICVS Eagle with spread wings facing ¾ l., head r. Kowalski dies V1/A46. MEC XIV, 514-15. Spahr 98 (Brindisi e Messina). MIR 59.
Good very fine / about extremely fine 7'500



2582 Half augustale normal type, Messina 1232-1250, AV 2.64 g. IMP ROM· – ·CESAR AVG· Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. ✠ FRIDE – RICVS Eagle with spread wings facing ¾ l., head r. Kowalski 66H. MEC XIV, 517. Spahr 103 (this coin). MIR 61.
Very rare and in unusually fine condition for issue. Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 20'000

Ex Bank Leu/M&M March 11, 1987, Spahr, 190 and Sotheby's 10 October 1995, 1136 sales.

TARÌ of FREDERICK II from MESSINA MINT with GEOMETRICAL LEGEND of MEC XIV Class D

2583 Tarì, Messina, 1231-1250, AV 5.67 g. Geometric Frederick legend around two central pellets Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks) / HI – IA (*sic!*). MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 159, Class D 1. Spahr 79. Kowalski, SNR 55, 1976, p. 80, pl. 3, I (this coin).
A large and heavy specimen and rare thus. Struck from a rusty die,
otherwise good very fine 2'000

Ex Gorny & Mosch 153, 2006, 4386 and Gorny & Mosch 177, 2009, 4711 sales.

2584 Tarì, Messina, 1231-1250, AV 2.61 g. Geometric Frederick legend around three central pellets in a line. Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks)/ NI – KA; pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 159, Class D 2. Spahr 80.
Rare. Extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 225.
WJC: Rare and beautiful

2585 Tarì, Messina, 1231-1250, AV 2.78 g. Geometric Frederick legend around four central pellets. Rev. Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks)/ HI – IA (*sic*!); pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV, Class D 3, 518-520. Spahr 82.
Very fine 150

2586 Tarì, Messina, 1231-1250, AV 5.53 g. Geometric Frederick legend around four central pellets. Rev. Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks)/ HI – IA (*sic*!); pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV, Class D 3, 518-520. Spahr 82.
Good very fine 750

Ex Bertolami sale 109, 2022, 786.

2587 Tarì, Messina, 1231-1250, AV 2.14 g. Geometric Frederick legend around five central pellets. Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks)/ III – IA (*sic*!); pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV, not in collection but see page 159, Class D 4. Spahr 84.
Scarce. Good very fine 300

Ex Artemide Aste sale XXVII, 2009, 391.

2588

2588 Tarì, Messina, AV 6.5 g. Geometric Frederick legend around six central pellets. Rev. Cross on shaft flanked by IC – XC (under horizontal suspension marks) / NI – KΛ pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV Class D5, 521-526. Spahr 85 (this coin). MIR 69 (this coin).

Extremely heavy and very rare thus. Struck on a very large flan and in outstanding condition for the issue, good extremely fine 3'000

Ex Bank Leu/M&M March 11, 1987, Spahr 182; Sotheby's October 9, 1995, 1134 and Gorny & Mosch 201, 5237 sales.

WJC: An extraordinary tari showing the full die.

TARI of FREDERICK II from BRINDISI MINT with ORNAMENTAL SYMBOLS of MEC XIV Class E

2589

2589 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 6.23 g. Ornamental legend around small crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; no marks in field. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ [NI] – KΛ. MEC XIV, 534. Spahr 73 var. (pellets at side of eagle's neck, Messina e Brindisi). MIR 260 and 68 (Messina).

Struck on an extraordinary misshapen flan, otherwise very fine 600

2590

2590 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 3.76 g. Ornamental legend around small crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; single pellet to l. of beak. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ NI – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E 1, 529-31. Spahr 66 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 260 and 68 (Messina).

Struck on a perfectly round flan and good extremely fine 750

WJC: A perfect full example.

2591

2591 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 2.59 g. Ornamental legend around small crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; pellet each side of head. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ NI – KΛ pellet on shaft and on base. MEC XIV, Class E 2, 527-28. Spahr 67 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 260 and 68 (Messina).
Good very fine 200

2592

2592 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 4.63 g. Ornamental legend around small crowned eagle with spread wings, head r.; no marks in field. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ NI – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E 6, not in collection. Spahr 71 var. (pellets each side of head).
Good very fine 500

2593

2593 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 7.42 g. Ornamental legend around small crowned eagle with spread wings, head r.; pellet each side of head. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ NI – KΛ; two pellets above suspension marks. MEC XIV, Class E 5, 532. Spahr 72 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 259.
A very heavy specimen, struck on a misshapen flan. Very fine 1'250

WJC: Heavy.

2594

2594 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 4.75 g. Ornamental legend around large crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; pellet on either side of neck and lis shaped tail. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ III – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E 7, not in collection. Spahr 73 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 260.
Scarce. Good very fine 750

Ex Gorny & Mosch 153, 2006, 4382 and Gorny & Mosch 177, 2009 4701 sales.

2595

2595 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 3.07 g. Ornamental legend around large crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; crescent to l. of beak. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ III – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E 8, not in collection. Spahr 74. (Messina e Brindisi).
Irregular edge, otherwise good very fine 350

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1039.

2596

2596 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 3.62 g. Ornamental legend around large crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; cross before beak. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/ III – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E10, not in collection. Spahr 76 (Messina e Brindisi).
Very fine 300

2597

2597 Tarì, Brindisi 1231-1250, AV 3.73 g. Ornamental legend around large crowned eagle with spread wings, head l.; star on either side of head. Rev. Ornamental legend around Latin cross flanked by IC – XC (under omega suspension marks)/III – KΛ. MEC XIV, Class E 12, not in collection. Spahr 78 (Messina e Brindisi).
Extremely rare. Very fine 750

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1041.

DENARI OF FREDERICK II, as EMPEROR, 1220-1250.

2598

2598 Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1220-1221, billon 0.64 g. ✤·F·INPERATOR Crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger and sceptre Rev. ·)(· FREDERIC'RE around cross pattée with crescent in first quarter and annulet in all other quarters. MEC XIV see page 170, 8. Travaini (1993) 19. Spahr unlisted. MIR 88 (R4, Messina).
Very rare. Extremely fine / about extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 240 (Travaini (1993) 19)

2599

2599 Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1220-1221, Billon 0.54 g. ✠ ·F INPERATOR The crowned Emperor seated facing on throne, holding sceptre and globus cruciger. Rev. FREDERIC'REX around cross pattée with crescent in first quarter and an annulet in all other quarters. MEC XIV see page 170, 9. Travaini (1993) 20. Spahr unlisted. MIR 107 (R4, Messina).

Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Good extremely fine 500

Ex Artemide Aste, April 4, 2001, 241.

2600

2600 Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1220-1221, billon 0.94 g. ✠ FRIDERICVS Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ IMPERATOR Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 535. Travaini (1993) 21. Spahr 106 (Messina). MIR 87 (Messina).'

Rare. Very fine to extremely fine 100

2601

2601 Half denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1220-1221, Billon 0.47 g. ✠ FRIDERICVS Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ IMPERATOR Cross pattée. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Very rare. Slightly waved flan, otherwise good very fine 100

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5332.

WJC: This half denaro appears to be unlisted, the type however is the same of the full denaro represented above.

2602

2602 Lot of two coins: Denaro, Messina 1221, Billon 0.73 g. and 0.81 g. ✠ ·F·IPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. ·R·EX SICIL· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV 536. Travaini (1993) 22. Spahr 107 (Messina?). MIR 89.

Good extremely fine and very fine 150

Specimen of 0.73 g. ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 250.

2603

2603 Half denaro, Messina 1221, Billon 0.52 g. ✠ ·F·IPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. ·REX SICIL· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, see page 171. Travaini (1993) 22a. Spahr 108 (Messina?). MIR 110.
Rare. Good extremely fine 125

Ex Artemide Aste sale XXVIII, 2010, 1547.

WJC: Exceptional.

ex 2604 ex 2605 ex 2606

2604 Lot of two coins: Half denaro, Messina 1221, billon 0.45 g. and 0.46 g. ✠ ·F·IPERATOR Cross pattée. Rev. ·REX SICIL· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV, see page 171. Travaini (1993) 22a. Spahr 108 (Messina?). MIR 110.
Rare. About extremely fine (2) 100

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 252 and privately purchased from from Spink 1995.

2605 Lot of two coins: Denaro, Brindisi 1221, silver/billon of 0.78 g. and 0.80 g. ✠ IMPERATOR around F·R with suspension mark. Rev. ✠ REX SICILIE Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 537-54. Travaini (1993) 23. Spahr 109. MIR 271.
Extremely fine 75

2606 Lot of two coins: Half denaro, Brindisi 1221, 0.52 g. and 0.52 g. ✠ IMPERATOR around F·R with suspension mark. Rev. ✠ REX SICILIE Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 542. Travaini (1993) 23a. Spahr 110. MIR 272.
Rare. Good very fine and very fine 150

2607

2607 Quarter denaro, Brindisi? 1221, Billon 0.4 g. ✠ INPERATOR around ·F· Rev ·R· – SI – CI – LI divided around arms of long cross. MEC XIV, 543. Travaini (1993) 24a. Spahr 111. MIR 275 (R3).
Very rare. Very fine 75

WJC: There is no certain denaro corresponding to this type.

2608

2608 Quarter denaro, Brindisi? 1221, Billon 0.27 g. ✠ INPERATOR around ·F· Rev ·R· – SI – CI – LI divided around arms of long cross. MEC XIV, 543. Travaini (1993) 24a. Spahr 111. MIR 275 (R3).
Very rare. About extremely fine 100

WJC: Rare and exceptional.

2609

2609 Denaro, Messina? 1222, Billon 0.77 g. ✠·F·IMPERATOR around crowned bust facing. Rev. ✠ ·FREDERIC REX· around cross potent. MEC XIV see p. 171, 14 (Messina?, this coin mentioned). Travaini (1993) 25 (Messina?, this coin illustrated). Spahr unlisted. MIR 108 (R4, this coin).

Of the highest rarity. About extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC sale 157, 2025, 131.

WJC: Exceptional and exceptionally rare.

2610

2610 Denaro, Messina 1225, Billon 0.75 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée. Rev ·R·E ✠ IERL'M. SICIL' Crowned and decorated bust facing, with pendilia. MEC XIV, 544. Travaini (1993) 26. Spahr 112. MIR 92 (R3).

Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Good extremely fine 200

WJC: Struck after the marriage with Isabella of Brienne, heiress to the Kingdom of Jerusalem, acquiring thus his title to this crown. Very rare and exceptional.

2611

2611 Denaro, Messina 1226, Billon 0.8 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée. Rev ·R·E ✠ IERL'M.SICIL' Crowned and decorated bust facing, with pendilia. MEC XIV, 544. Travaini (1993) 26. Spahr 112. MIR 92 (R3).

Very rare. Very fine 75

2612

2612 Half denaro, Messina 1225, Billon 0.41 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée. Rev. ·RX IERL'M· SICIL' Crowned bust facing, with pendilia. Legend shortened by ligating RX. MEC XIV, see p 171, 15 (this coin mentioned). Travaini (1993) 26a (this coin). Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Very rare. Very fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste April 4th sale, 2001, 254.

2613.1

2613.2

2613.3

2613 Lot of three coins: **2613.1** Half denaro, Messina c. 1225, billon g 0.54 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée. Rev. ·RX IERL'M·SICIL' Crowned bust facing, with pendilia. Legend shortened by ligating RX. MEC XIV, see p 171, 15. Travaini (1993) 26a. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted. **2613.2** Denaro, Messina 1225, billon 0.76 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée with three pellets in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ✠ ·IRL'·SICIL'·RE Crowned head l. MEC XIV, 545. Travaini (1993) 27. Spahr 113. MIR 93. **2613.3** Denaro, Brindisi? 1228, billon 0.99 g. ✠·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée. Rev. ✠ ·R·ERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around F. MEC XIV, 546. Travaini (1993) 28. Spahr 116. MIR 278.

Very fine to extremely fine 250

Ex Astarte sale XIV, 2004, 576 (very rare, Travaini 26a); Ex Künker sale 137, 2008, 3826 (Spahr 116)

2614.1

2614.2

2614.3

2614 Lot of three coins: **2614.1** Denaro, Brindisi? 1228, billon 0.82 g. ✠·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée. Rev. ✠ ·R·ERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around F. MEC XIV, 546. Travaini (1993) 28. Spahr 116. MIR 278. **2614.2** Half denaro, Brindisi? 1228, billon 0.52 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée. Rev. ✠ ·R·ERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around F. MEC XIV see p. 171, 17. Travaini (1993) 28a. Spahr 117. MIR 279 (R4) **2614.3** Denaro, Messina 1228, 0.84 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR Eagle with spread wings, head l. Rev. ✠ RE ✠ IERVSOLOMIT around cross pattée with S I C I in quarters. MEC XIV, 547. Travaini (1993) 29. Spahr 114. MIR 94.

Very fine to extremely fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2004, 450 (Spahr 116); Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2004, 451 (very rare, Spahr 117)

2615.1

2615.2

2615.3

2615 Lot of three coins: **2615.1** Half denaro, Messina 1228, billon 0.34 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR Eagle with spread wings, head l. Rev. ✠ RE✠ IERVSOLOMI around cross with S I C I in quarters. MEC XIV see page 171, 18. Travaini (1993) 29a. Spahr 115. MIR 111. **2615.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1236, billon 0.71 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée with single pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ✠ ·R·IER'SL·ET·SICIL· around A flanked by two pellets. MEC XIV, 548. Travaini (1993) 30. Spahr 118. MIR 280 (R3) **2615.3** Half denaro, Brindisi 1236?, billon 0.50 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée with single pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ✠ ·R·IER'SL·ET·SICIL· around A flanked by two pellets. MEC XIV see p. 180, 19. Travaini (1993) 30a. Spahr 120. MIR 281 (R4).

Very rare. Very fine to about extremely fine 250

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 171, 2010, 4775 (Spahr 115); ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2004, 455 (Spahr 120)

2616.1

2616.2

2616.3

2616 Lot of three coins: **2616.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1239, billon 0.91 g. R·F· – IM – PER – ATO in quarters of long cross. Rev. ·R·I – ER' – ET·S – ICL'· in quarters of long cross with crowned head at centre. MEC XIV, 549-551. Travaini (1993) 31. Spahr 121. MIR 282. **2616.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1239, billon 0.53 g. R·F· – IM – PER – ATO in quarters of long cross. Rev. ·R·I – ER' – ET·S – ICL'· in quarters of long cross with crowned head at centre. MEC XIV see page 180, 20. Travaini (1993) 31a. Spahr 122. MIR 283 (R4). **2616.3** Denaro, Messina? 1242, billon 0.89 g. ✠ ·F ROM·IP · SEMP· around ·A· (A for Augustus) over crescent / star. Rev. ✠·ERL'ETSICIL'R Cross pattée with star in 2nd quarter and trefoil of pellets in 3rd quarter. MEC XIV, 552. Travaini (1993) 32. Spahr 123. MIR 284 (Brindisi).

Good very fine to extremely fine 350

Ex Artemide Aste sale April 4, 2001, 257 (very rare, Spahr 122)

2617.1

2617.2

2617 Lot of two coins: **2617.1** Half denaro, Messina? 1242, billon 0.39 g. ✠·F·ROM·IP SEMP around ·A· over crescent / star. Rev. ✠ IERL'ETSICIL'R Cross pattée with star in 2nd quarter and trefoil of pellets in 3rd quarter. MEC XIV see page 181. Travaini (1993) unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR 285 (R3, Brindisi). **2617.2** Denaro, Messina or Brindisi 1242, billon 0.82 g. ✠ F·ROM·IP ·SEMP around AVG with suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross pattée. MEC XIV, 553. Travaini (1993) 33. Spahr 124. MIR 95 (Messina).

Very fine and good very fine 400

Ex NAC/Spink sale 51, 1994, 529 (extremely rare, MIR 285)

2618

2618 Half denaro, Messina or Brindisi 1242, Billon 0.43 g. ✠ ·F·ROM·IP ·SEMP · around AVG with suspension mark. Rev. ✠ R'IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross pattée. MEC XIV, 554. Travaini (1993) 33a (this coin mentioned). Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Very rare. Extremely fine 200

2619.1

2619.2

2619.3

2619 Lot of three coins: **2619.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1243, billon 0.73 g. ✠ F·ROM·IPR'·SE(line over E)P·AVG'· Bare head r. Rev. ✠·RIERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Eagle with spread wings, head r. MEC XIV, 555-557. Travaini (1993) 35. Spahr 128 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 97 (Messina). **2619.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1243, billon 0.36 g. ✠ F·ROM·IPR'SEP·AVG' Bare head r. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ETSICIL' Eagle with spread wings, head r. MEC XIV, 558. Travaini (1993) 35a. Spahr 129. MIR 287 (R3, Brindisi), 114 (R3, Messina). **2619.3** Denaro, Messina or Brindisi 1243?, billon 0.79 g. ✠ ROM IMPR' SEP AVG Crowned head r. Rev. ✠ R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Eagle with spread wings, head r. MEC XIV, 559. Travaini (1993) 36. Spahr 126 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 96 (Messina).

Very rare (1). About extremely fine to good extremely fine 300

2620

2620 Half denaro, Messina or Brindisi 1243?, Billon 0.46 g. ✠ ROM IMPERATOR· Crowned head r. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Eagle with spread wings, head r. MEC XIV see p. 181, 24. Travaini (1993) 36a. Spahr 127 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 113 (Messina).
Rare. Good extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste sale XII, 2005, 395.

WJC: Strangely the obverse legend differs from that of the full denaro. A beautiful coin.

2621 2622

2621 Denaro, Brindisi 1244?, billon 0.79 g. ✠ ·F·ROM·IPR'·SEꝑ ·AVG Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV see p. 181, 25. Travaini (1993) 37 (Brindisi). Spahr 130 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 98 (Messina), 288 (R4, Brindisi).
Good extremely fine and very fine 100

2622 Half denaro, Brindisi 1244?, Billon 0.50 g. ✠·F ROM IPR.SEꝑ AVG Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL' ET SICIL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 25. Travaini (1993) 37a. Spahr 132 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 115 (Messina) 289 (R4, Brindisi).
Very fine 50

Ex Artemide Aste sale 11E, 2005, 883 and Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 467.

WJC: The authors of MIR have strangely given to the same coin no rarity to Messina and an R4 to Brindisi.

2623.1 2623.2 2623.3

2623 Lot of three coins: **2623.1** Denaro, Messina 1244?, billon 0.97 g. ✠·F·ROMANOR·□ Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. ✠·IERL'ETSICIL'·R Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 26. Travaini (1993) 39. Spahr 133 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 99. **2623.2** Half denaro, Messina 1244, billon 0.42 g. ✠·F·ROMANOR'·ꝑ Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. IERL'·ET·SICIL'·R Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 26. Travaini (1993) 39a. Spahr 134 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 116 (1245). **2623.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1245?, billon 0.80 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around IPR under double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 560-561. Travaini (1993) 40. Spahr 135 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 290.
Extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 262 (rare, Spahr 134); Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5355 (Spahr 135).

2624.1

2624.2

2624.3

2624 Lot of three coins: **2624.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1245?, billon 0.78 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around IPR under double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 560-561. Travaini (1993) 40. Spahr 135 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 290. **2624.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1245?, billon 0.53 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around IPR under a double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'ET·SICIL'R· Cross pattée with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV see page 181, 27. Travaini (1993) 40a. Spahr 136 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 291 (R4). **2624.3** Denaro, Messina 1245?, billon 0.95 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around I□ under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 562. Travaini (1993) 41. Spahr 137 (Messina o Brindisi 1246). MIR 101.

Very rare (1). Very fine to extremely fine 200

Ex Italo Vecchi sale 1, 1996, 1467 (Spahr 135)

2625.1

2625.2

2625.3

2625 Lot of three coins: **2625.1** Denaro, Messina 1245?, billon 0.73 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around I□ under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 562. Travaini (1993) 41. Spahr 137 (Messina o Brindisi 1246). MIR 101. **2625.2** Half denaro, Messina 1245?, billon 0.47 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around I□ under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERL ET □ICL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 28. Travaini (1993) 41a. Spahr 138 (Messina o Brindisi 1246). MIR 117 (R3). **2625.**3 Denaro, Messina 1246?, billon 0.63 g. ✠·F·ROMANR' SEM PAVG around IP under a double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée with trefoil on stem in 2nd quarter. MEC XIV, 563. Travaini (1993) 42 (Brindisi o Messina). Spahr 139 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 102.

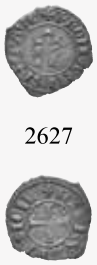
Good very fine to extremely fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 264 (very rare, Spahr 138); Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 265 (very rare, Spahr 138); Ex NAC/Spink sale 51, 1994, 532 (Spahr 139).

2626

2626 Half denaro, Messina 1246?, Billon 0.45 g. ✠·F·ROMANR'·SEMP·AVG around IP· under a double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée with trefoil on stem in 2nd quarter. MEC XIV, 564. Travaini (1993) 42a (Brindisi o Messina). Spahr 141(Messina o Brindisi). MIR 118.

Rare. Very fine 75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2627 Quarter denaro, Messina 1246?, Billon 0.26 g. ✠ F ROMANR' SEMP AVG around IP· under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ R·IERSL' ET SICIL'· Cross pattée with trefoil on stem in 2nd quarter. MEC XIV see p. 181, 29. Travaini (1993) 42b (Brindisi o Messina). Spahr 142 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 121 (R3).
Very rare. Good very fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 475.

2628 Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1247/8?, billon, 0.81 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around FR with horizontal suspension mark above and star below. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross with small circle over its centre. MEC XIV, 565-566. Travaini (1993) 44. Spahr 143 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 103 (Messina).
Very fine to about extremely fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste April 4, 2001, 266 (Spahr 143)

2629 Half denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1247/8?, Billon 0.35 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around FR with horizontal suspension mark above and star below. Rev. ✠·R IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross with small circle over its centre. MEC XIV unlisted but type of 565-566. Travaini (1993) unlisted but type of 44. Spahr unlisted but type of 143. MIR unlisted but type of 103.
Very rare. Good very fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 477.

2630.1

2630.2

2630 Lot of two coins: **2630.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon of 0.75 g. ✠·ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around F·R under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'ET·SICIL'·R Cross pattée with star in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 567-568. Travaini (1993) 45. Spahr 144 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 294. **2630.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon, 0.34 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around F·R under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERLS'·ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with stars in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV see page 181, 31. Travaini (1993) 45a. Spahr 145 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 295 (R4).
Very rare (2 specimens). Very fine 200

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 479 (Spahr 144); Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 480 (Spahr 145)

2631.1 2631.2 2631.3

2631 Lot of three coins: **2631.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon 0.94 g. ✠ ROM IMPR·SE(E under a line)P AVG around FR under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 32. Travaini (1993) 47. Spahr 146 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 296. **2631.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon 0.48 g. ✠ ROM IMPERATOR around FR under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET SICIL'· around cross. MEC XIV see page 181, 32. Travaini 47a. Spahr 147 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 297 (R3). **2631.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1249, billon 0.77 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR around F with star above and to either side. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 570-571. Travaini (1993) 48. Spahr 148 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 298.

Very rare (2 specimens). Very fine to extremely fine 250

Ex Italo Vecchi sale 1, 1996, 1470 (Spahr 146); Ex Artemide Aste 11E, 2005, 994 (Spahr 147).

2632.1 2632.2 2632.3

2632 Lot of three coins: **2632.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1249, billon 0.88 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR around F with star above and to either side. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 570-571. Travaini (1993) 48. Spahr 148 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 298. **2632.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1249, billon 0.47 g. ✠·ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around F with star above and to either side. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV see p. 182, 33. Travaini (1993) 48a. Spahr 149 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 299 (R4). **2632.3** Denaro, Brindisi? 1249, billon 1.05 g. ✠INP(INP ligate)ERATOR·ROM around F with star above and to either side. ✠ IERL'·ET·SICIL'·R around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 572-573. Travaini (1993) 49. Spahr 150 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 300 (R4).

Very rare (3 specimens). Very fine to about extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 482 (Spahr 149)

COINAGE of possible VITTORIA MINT

2633

2633 Grosso, Vittoria? 1247/1248, AR 1.34 g. ✠ FRIDERICVS II Crowned head r. Rev. ✠ ROM·IMP(MP ligate)R·AVG· Cross with trefoil of pellets on stem in each quarter. Travaini (1989), "Un grosso federiciano di zecca incerta: Vittoria 1247?" in Rassegna di studi del Civico Museo Archeologico e del Civico Gabinetto Numismatico di Milano. Notizie dal Chiostro del Monastero Maggiore. 1989, Vol. 43-44, pp. 137-142. MEC XIV, see page 161. MIR [268].

Very rare. Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine 1'500

WJC: Rare and very nice.

This grosso appears here even if it has not been struck in the Kingdom. Thanks to the exhaustive study on this coin by Lucia Travaini, it has been attributed to the mint of Vittoria, Frederick's "city" erected during the siege of Parma in the winter of 1247/8.

COINAGE of MUHAMMAD ibn 'ABBAD during the ARAB REVOLT 1220-1222

2634.1

2634.2

2634 Lot of two coins: **2634.1** Denaro, Entella? or Iato?, billon, 0.54 g. Inscription in three line Nashki script "Muhammad ibn / 'Abbad amir / al-muslimin". Rev. Three line Nashki inscription with The Profession of Faith. MEC XIV, 574-575. MIR 4 (Entella?). **2634.2** Half denaro, Entella? or Iato?, billon 0.20 g. Inscription in three line Nashki script "Muhammad ibn / 'Abbad amir / al-muslimin". Rev. Three line Nashki inscription with The Profession of Faith. MEC XIV, see page 184. MIR unlisted..

Very rare. Fine to very fine 250

Ex Gorny & Mosch 135, 2004, 5367 (0.54 g); privately purchased from Steve Album (0.20 g)

COINS of CONRAD I, (IV in Germany) 1250-1254.

2635

2635 Tari, Messina, AV 7.43 g. ✠·R· CONRADVS · Eagle with wings spread, facing ¾ l., head r. Rev. Stylized Arabic inscription around long cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA with star at either side of the base of the cross. MEC XIV, 576. Spahr 151. MIR 122. Friedberg 625a.

An exceptional weigh for this extremely rare issue. About extremely fine 6'000

Ex NAC/Spink-Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1046.

2636.3

2636 Lot of three coins: Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.78 g. ✠·CONRADVS· around cross. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around Rx. MEC XIV, 581-584. Travaini (1993) 50. Spahr 153 (Messina?). MIR 304. Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.63 g. ✠·CONRADVS· around cross. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around Rx. MEC XIV, 581-584. Travaini (1993) 50. Spahr 153 (Messina?). MIR 304. **2636.3** Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.80 g. ✠·CONRADVS· around cross. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around Rx. MEC XIV, 581-584. Travaini (1993) 50. Spahr 153 (Messina?). MIR 304.

Very rare. Very fine to about extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 490 (Travaini (1993) 50b)

2637.1

2637.2

2637.3

2637 Lot of three coins: **2637.1** Half denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.30 g. ✠·CONRADVS· around cross. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· around Rx. MEC XIV p. 180, 3. Travaini (1993) 50b. Spahr unlisted. MIR 305 (R4). **2637.2** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.72 g. ✠ CONRADVS around cross with square pellet in 1st and 4th quarters. Rev. ✠ ·IERL' ET SICIL'· around RX under omega suspension mark. MEC XIV, 585-589A. Travaini (1993) 52. Spahr 155. MIR 306 (Brindisi). **2637.3** Half denaro, Messina, billon 0.56 g. ✠ ·CONRADVS· around cross with square pellet in 1st and 4th quarters. ✠·IERL' ET SICILIE' around RX under omega suspension mark. MEC XIV see page 188, 4. Travaini (1993) 52a. Spahr unlisted. MIR 307 (Brindisi, R4).

Very rare (2) Very fine; extremely fine (3) 125

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 490 (Travaini (1993) 50b)

2638.1

2638.2

2638 Lot of two coins: **2638.1** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.81 g. ✠ ·CONRADVS· around cross. ✠ IEIL' ET SICIL' around RE/X. MEC XIV, 579-580. Travaini (1993) 53. Spahr 156. MIR 308 (Brindisi). **2638.2** Half denaro, Messina, billon 0.40 g. ✠ ·CONRADVS· around cross. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'ETSICIL'· around RE/X . MEC XIV see page 188, 2. Travaini (1993) 53a. Spahr 157. MIR 309 (R4).

Very rare. Extremely fine (2) 100

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5373 (Spahr 156); Ex Artemide Aste 28th December, 2004, 987 (Spahr 157).

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2640

2639 Lot of two coins: Denaro, Brindisi, Billon 0.83 g. and 0.86 g. ✠ ·IERVSALEM· around C·O / R under horizontal suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·ET·SICIL'·REX· around cross. MEC XIV, 577-578. Travaini (1993) 54. Spahr 158. MIR 301.

Extremely fine and very fine 50

2640 Half denaro, Brindisi, Billon 0.47 g. ✠ ·IERVSALEM· around C·O / R under horizontal suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·ET·SICIL'·REX· around cross. MEC XIV p. 188 , 1. Travaini (1993) 54a. Spahr 160. MIR 302 (R5).

Excessively rare. Very fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste LIV, 2020, 496.

COINS of CONRAD II (Conradin), 1254-1258.

2641

2641 Tarì, Messina, AV 2.75 g. ✠ ·COR'·SECVND'·R' Crowned eagle facing with wings spread, head l. Rev. Long cross flanked by IC – XC / NI – KA; stars at sides of base. MEC XIV see page 189, 2. Spahr 163 (this coin). MIR 124 (this coin). Friedberg unlisted.

Extremely rare. Very fine / about extremely fine 3'000

Previously Bank Leu/M&M sale 3/11/1987, Spahr 192. Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 242, 2016, 4137.

2642

2642 Tarì, Messina, AV 4.26 g. ✠ ·CONR'· (NR ligate)R'·SECVND'· Eagle facing with spread wings; head l. Behind head are three pellets and tail is lis-shaped. Rev. Long cross, with three pellets connected by stem in upper quarters, flanked by IC – XC / ИI – KΛ Annulets at ends of cross arms; the one below base is flanked by stars. MEC XIV see page 189, 3. Spahr 164 (this coin). MIR 125 (this coin). Friedberg unlisted.

Exceedingly rare. Very fine 4'000

Previously Santamaria 24th November 1921, Cora 49; Bank Leu/M&M 3/11/1987, Spahr 193; M&M 27, 1963, 953 and ex Gorny & Mosch sale 242, 2016, 4138.

2643.1 2643.2 2643.3

2643 Lot of three coins: **2643.1** Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.92 g. ✠ ·C·SECVNDVS· Crowned eagle facing with spread wings, head l. Rev. ✠ IER·ETSICIL·R· Cross with pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 590. Travaini (1993) 56. Spahr 166 (Messina). MIR 310, 126 (Messina). **2643.2** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.49 g. COnR·SCDS·IERL'· Eagle facing with spread wings, head r. Rev. ET· – SICI – LIE – RE ✠ Long cross in centre of which is a smaller cross with pellets at ends of arms. MEC XIV, 591-593. Travaini (1993) 57. Spahr 168. MIR 127. **2643.3** Half denaro, Messina, billon 0.36 g. ✠ ·COnR SCDS ERL'· Eagle facing with spread wings, head r. Rev. ET· – SICI – LIE – REX Long cross in centre of which is a smaller cross with pellets at ends of arms. MEC XIV see page 189, 2. Travaini (1993) 57a. Spahr 170. MIR 129 (R3).

Very fine to good very fine 350

Ex Artemide Aste XXXI, 2010, 168 (very rare, Spahr 170)

2644 Lot of three coins: **2644.1** Half denaro, Messina, billon 0.38 g. ✠ ·COnR SCDS ERL'· Eagle facing with spread wings, head r. Rev. ET· – SICI – LIE – REX Long cross in centre of which is a smaller cross with pellets at ends of arms. MEC XIV see page 189, 2. Travaini (1993) 57a. Spahr 170. MIR 129 (R3). **2644.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon 1.04 g. SE – CV – ND – VS in quarters of long cross in centre of which is C within a small circle. Rev. ✠ IERL'ET·SICL·R Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV see page 189, 3. Travaini (1993) 58. Spahr 171 (Messina). MIR 314 (R4, Brindisi). **2644.3** Half denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon, 0.28 g. SE – CV – ND – VS in quarters of long cross in centre of which is C· within a small circle. Rev. ✠ ·IERL'ET·SICL'·R· Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV see page 189, 3. Travaini (1993) 58a. Spahr 172 (Messina). MIR 315 (R4, Brindisi).

Very rare. (3). Very fine to extremely fine 350

Ex Artemide Aste XXI, 2008, 169 (Spahr 171); Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5377 (Spahr 171); Ex Artemide Aste 1 September 2005, 399 (Spahr 172)

2645 Lot of two coins: **2645.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon 0.90 g. ✠ SECVNDVS·R' around CVR under horizontal suspension mark. Rev. ✠ IERL'ETSICIL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 594-595. Travaini (1993) 59. Spahr 173. MIR 316 (Brindisi). **2645.2** Denaro Messina?, billon, 0.53 g. ✠ SECVNDVS·R'· around CR under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 595A. Travaini (1993) 61(Brindisi o Messina). Spahr 175 (Messina). MIR 317 (Brindisi).

Good very fine to about extremely fine 50

2646 Half denaro, Messina?, Billon 0.36 g. ✠ ·SECVNDVS R' around CR under an omega suspension mark. ✠ IER'·ET SICIL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 189, 5. Travaini (1993) 61a. Spahr unlisted. MIR 318 (R5, Brindisi).

Extremely rare. Very fine 100

2647.1

2647.2

2647.3

2647 Lot of three coins: **2647.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon, 0.75 g. ✠ ·SECVND' IERL' around ·C· beneath an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·ET SICIL' REX· around cross with trefoil of pellets on a stem in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 596. Travaini (1993) 63. Spahr 177 (Messina). MIR 320 (Brindisi). **2647.2** Half denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon 0.44 g. ✠ SECVND IERL'· around ·C· under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·ET SICIL 'REX· around cross with trefoil of pellets on a stem in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR 321 (R4, Brindisi). **2647.3** Denaro, Brindisi, billon, 0.90 g. ✠ ·SECVNDVS·R· around C between four small crescents. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL' around cross with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 597; Travaini (1993) 64; Spahr 178 (Messina). MIR 322.
Very fine to extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste December 28, 2004, 991 (Spahr 177); Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5381 (extremely rare, MIR 321); Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 135, 2004, 5382 (Spahr 178).

2648.1

2648.2

2648 Lot of two coins: **2648.1** Denaro, Brindisi, billon, 0.62 g. ✠ ·SECVNDVS·R· around C between four small crescents. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL' around cross with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 597; Travaini (1993) 64; Spahr 178 (Messina). MIR 322. **2648.2** Half denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.44 g. ✠ ·SECVNDVS·R· around C between four small crescents. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL' around cross with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV see p. 190, 8. Travaini (1993) 64a. Spahr 179 (Messina). MIR [323, doubting its existence].
Very fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale 25th May, 2005, 905 (Spahr 178); Ex Artemide aste sale LIV, 2015, 507 (Spahr 179).

COINS of MANFRED, 1258-1266

2649

2649 Tarì, Messina?, AV 6.73 g. ✠ ·MAYИF(ИF ligate)RIDVS· Eagle with wings spread, facing slightly to l., head r. Mintmaster mark "o" to l. of head. Rev. Pseudo-Arabic legend around long cross flanked by horizontal bar suspension marks and IC – XC / ИI – KΛ; cross foot splayed into three toes. MEC XIV unlisted, but see page 192 "D". Spahr unlisted, but see 191-192. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 2'500

The reverse by virtue of the horizontal bar suspension marks would indicate this to be of Messina mint. A somewhat similar type but with omega suspension marks is attributed to Manfredonia (see next coin).

2650 Tarì, Manfredonia, AV 1.38 g. Legend off flan around eagle with wings spread, facing slightly to l., head r. Mintmaster mark " ✠ " to l. of head. Rev. Pseudo-Arabic legend around long cross flanked by horizontal omega suspension marks and IC – XC / ИI – K[Λ]; cross foot splayed into three toes. MEC XIV, see page 192, Eb. Spahr 188-190. MIR 477. Friedberg 513.
Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 500

2651 Tarì, Messina?, AV 6.32 g. ✠ M[AУИ]FRIDVS R Eagle with wings spread, facing slightly to l., head r. Mintmaster mark "T" – "o" at side of head. Rev. Pseudo-Arabic legend around long cross flanked by annulets at base and horizontal bar suspension marks and IC – XC / ИI – KΛ above. MEC XIV, 600. Spahr 180 (Messina). MIR 130 (Messina).
Very rare. Reverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise very fine 1'250

Ex Santamaria sale 24th November 1921, Cora 53.

2652 Tarì, Messina?, AV 7.52 g. ✠ MAУИFRIDVS R Eagle with spread wings, head l. over laureate head l. Rev. Pseudo-Arabic legend around long cross held by a fist flanked by horizontal bar suspension marks and IC – XC / ИI – KΛ. MEC XIV, 598. Spahr 184. MIR 132. Friedberg unlisted.
Very rare. Struck on an unusually broad flan and with a complete legend, very fine 2'000

Ex NAC sale 12, 1998, 2594.
WJC: Large with very complete legend.

2653

2653 Tarì, Messina?, AV 12.37 g. ✠ MAYИFRIDVS R Eagle with wings spread, facing slightly to l., head r. Mintmaster marks " ✠/o" – "v" at sides of head. Rev. Pseudo-Arabic legend around long cross with palm like bark flanked by heads or skulls? (as Golgotha Cross) at base and horizontal suspension marks and IC – XC / ИI – KΛ above. MEC XIV, 599. Spahr 181 (Messina, this coin). MIR 131 (Messina).

Of the highest rarity and probably the heaviest specimen known. Extremely fine 15'000

Previously Bank Leu/M&M sale March 3, 1987, Spahr 195 and ex Lanz sale 136, 2007, 547.

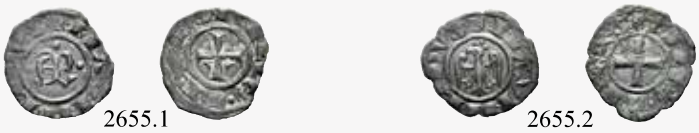
WJC: Perhaps the heaviest known tari of Manfred. A truly exceptional coin.

2654.1 2654.2 2654.3

2654 Lot of three coins: **2654.1** Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.74 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· around ·A·. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 602. Travaini (1993) 65 (Brindisi?). Spahr 193 (Brindisi?). MIR 324. **2654.2** Half denaro, Brindisi?, billon 0.31 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· around ·A·. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted but see p. 193, 1. Travaini (1993) 65a. Spahr 194. MIR [325, doubtful existence]. **2654.3** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.66 g. ✠ ·[MAY]NFRIDVS· around ·AP· ligate and with pellet above. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross with a wedge in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 193, 3. Travaini (1993) 66. Spahr 195 (Brindisi?). MIR 326 (Brindisi).

Very fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste 15th September, 2005, 1811 (Spahr 193); Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 511 (very rare, Spahr 194)


2655.1 2655.2

2655 Lot of two coins: **2655.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.55 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· around ·AP· ligate and with pellet above. Rev. ✠ ·R[EX·SI]CILIE· around cross with a wedge in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 193, 3. Travaini (1993) 66. Spahr 195 (Brindisi?). MIR 326 (Brindisi). **2655.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon, 0.60 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ ·REX·[SICILIE·] Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 603. Travaini (1993) 68. Spahr 196 (Messina). MIR 136 (Messina), 486 (Manfredonia).

Very fine 50

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 512 (Spahr 195); Ex Artemide Aste 4th April 2001, 271 (Spahr 195); Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 513 (Spahr 196)

2656.1 2656.2 2656.3 2656.4

2656 Lot of four coins: **2656.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon, 0.60 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 603. Travaini (1993) 68. Spahr 196 (Messina). MIR 136 (Messina), 486 (Manfredonia). **2656.2** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.78 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRID'(NF ligate)· Cross pattée. Rev. REX SICILIE around "·S·". MEC XIV, 604-609. Travaini (1993) 69. Spahr 198. MIR 137. **2656.3** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.69 g. ✠ ·M[AYNFRID'(NF ligate)·] Cross pattée. Rev. REX SICI[LIE] around "S". MEC XIV, 604-609 var. Travaini (1993) 69 var. Spahr 198 var. MIR 137 var. Variant without pellets in centre "S". **2656.4** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.50 g. ✠ mAY[NFRID] (NF ligate) around cross charged with S. Rev. ✠ REX SIC[ILIE] around "·R·" under an omega suspension mark. MEC XIV, 609A (Obverse and reversed inverted). Travaini (1993) 70. Spahr 199. MIR 138.

Very fine to extremely fine 100

2657.1 2657.2 2657.3

2657 Lot of three coins: **2657.1** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.69 g. ✠ mAY[NFRID] (NF ligate) around cross charged with S. Rev. ✠ REX SIC[ILIE] around "·R·" under an omega suspension mark. MEC XIV, 609A (Obverse and reversed inverted). Travaini (1993) 70. Spahr 199. MIR 138. **2657.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.54 g. ✠ NFRIDVS REX around MA/Y surmounted by crescent. Rev. SI – CI – LI – E✠ in quarters of long cross. MEC XIV, 610. Travaini (1993) 71. Spahr 200 (Messina). MIR 139 (Messina). **2657.3** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.62 g. ✠·AYИF(NF ligate)R'REX· around M. ✠ ·SICILIE Cross pattée with pellets at corners on end of each arm. MEC XIV, 611-612. Travaini (1993) 72. Spahr 204. MIR 481 (Manfredonia).

Very fine to extremely fine 50

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 515 (Spahr 199); Ex Artemide Aste sale 4th April 2001, 272 (Spahr 200)

2658

2658 Half denaro, Messina, Billon 0.41 g. ✠·AYИF(NF ligate)R'REX· around M. ✠ ·SICILIE Cross pattée with pellets at end of each arm. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted. (Manfredonia).

Exceedingly rare, perhaps unique. Good very fine 600

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 2020, 521.

WJC: This coin, the only specimen I have seen, is the otherwise unpublished half denaro for Travaini (1993) type 72 full denaro.

2659

2659 Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.81 g. ✠ ·AYNF(NF ligate)R·REX· around "·m·" Rev. ✠·SICILIE· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 613. Travaini (1993) 73-77 are all minor variants with differing number of pellets. Spahr 206. MIR 482 (Manfredonia).

Very fine to about extremely fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale LIV, 518 (Spahr 206); Ex Italo Vecchi sale 1, 1996, 1478 (Spahr 206).

2660

2660 Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.62 g. ✠ ·MAYИF(ИF ligate)R R· around elaborate Tau cross (with Gothic M as top bar) surrounded by three pellets. Rev. ✠ ·SICILIE Cross pattée with pellets at end of each arm. MEC XIV, 614. Travaini (1993) 78. Spahr 211. MIR 140.

Very fine to good very fine 30

Ex Artemide Aste sale 25th May 2005, 907 (Spahr 211)

2661

2661 Half denaro, Messina, Billon 0.27 g. [✠ ·]MA[YИF(ИF ligate)]R R·] around elaborate Tau cross (with Gothic M as top bar) surrounded by three pellets. Rev. ✠ S[ICILI]E Cross pattée with pellets at end of each arm. MEC XIV see page 193, 10. Travaini (1993) 78a (this coin). Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted. Volgano, NC 1991, pp. 220-222, plate 45, 3 (this coin).

Apparently unique. Very fine 150

Ex DNW sale February 21st, 1996, 143.

2662.1 2662.2 2662.3

2662 Lot of three coins: **2662.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia billon denaro 0.67 g. [✠ MAYИFR]IDVS around m with pellet above, below and in centre of m. Rev. ✠ REX·SICILIE Cross patoncé. MEC XIV see p. 193, 11. Travaini (1993) 80. Spahr 214 (Manfredonia). MIR photo 484b (Manfredonia). **2662.2** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.92 g. ✠ mAYnFRID' around m with central pellet under an omega suspension mark. ✠ REX SICILIE' around two intersecting crosses. MEC XIV, 616-620. Travaini (1993) 81. Spahr 215. MIR 484 (Manfredonia). **2662.3** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.84 g. [✠]DEI GRA[C R] around m beneath an omega suspension mark. Rev. [✠·S]ICILI[E] around cross pattée with a pellet in each quarter. MEC XIV 621-623. Travaini (1993) 82. Spahr 217. MIR 485 (Manfredonia).

Very fine to good very fine 50

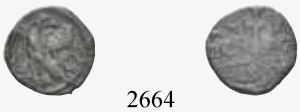
Privately purchased from NAC (Spahr 217)

2663

2663 Half denaro, Messina, Billon 0.34 g. ✠ [DEI]GR[AC]R around m under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·SICILIE around cross pattée with a pellet in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Exceedingly rare, perhaps unique. Very fine 200

WJC: This is the otherwise unknown half denaro for Travaini (1993) type 82 full denaro.



2664

2664 Copper strike of tari, type of Conrad I or Manfred, eagle and cross, CU 1.05 g. Contemporary forgery?

About very fine 50

Privately purchased from A. Singer.

MANFRED'S COINAGE from CORFU or DURAZZO

2665

2665 Follaro, Corfu or Durazzo, Æ, 1.56 g. ✠·MAYNFRIDVS R SICILIE· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ET DOMINVS·ROMA[NIE] Jeweled cross with star in each quarter. MEC XIV, see discussion on page 191. Schlumberger (1878) page 385, plate XIII, 25.
Very rare. Very fine 300

WJC: I attribute this coin to the Latin East, as King Manfred, following his marriage to Helena of Epirus, daughter of Michael II, despot of Epirus, thereby acquired dominion over those territories (now divided between Greece and Albania). Significantly, the reverse legend bears the title "Dominus Romaniae," which appears to deliberately emphasize the authority he had gained over the despotate that emerged from the fragmentation of the Byzantine Empire after the Fourth Crusade. Furthermore, the coin's typology—closely comparable to the trachy or scyphate issues circulating in regions adjacent to the Byzantine Empire—supports the hypothesis that this was not a minting produced within the Italian territories of the Swabian realm.

COINS of CHARLES I of ANJOU before the Vespri siciliani (30th March 1282)

2666

2666 Reale, Messina 1266-1278, AV 5.29 g. ✠ ·KAROL' – DEI:GRΛ Crowned and draped bust r.; behind, lis. Rev. ✠ R – EX: SI – CILI – E Shield of ten lis surmounted by label. Kowalski 148 (obverse, L4/-). MEC XIV, 624 var. (with symbol). Spahr 1. MIR 143/1 (misdescribed as 138/1). Friedberg 653 for the type.
Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue, among the finest specimens in private hands. A portrait of masterly style, the work of an extremely talented master engraver. Perfectly struck in high relief on a very large flan, almost invisible mark on the King's cheek, otherwise good extremely fine 30'000

Ex Spink-Taisei sale 43, 1992, 119.
WJC: The finest portrait I have seen on these coins. Exhibited at Metropolitan Museum of Art from May, 2006 to March, 2013.

2667

2667 Reale, Messina 1266-1278, AV 5.29 g. ✠ KΛROL' – DEI:GRΛ: Crowned and draped bust r.; behind, lis. Rev. ✠ R– EX:SI – CILI – E Shield of ten lis surmounted by label. Kowalski 151 (L11/A26). MEC XIV, 624 var. (with symbol). Spahr 3. MIR 143/1 (misdescribed as 138/1). Friedberg 653 for the type.

Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 50'000

Ex NAC sale 60, 2011, 53.

WJC: Certainly the finest condition real of Charles I of Anjou I have seen.

2668

2668 Reale, Barletta 1266-1278, AV 5.26 g. ✠ KΛROL' DEI:GRΛ Crowned and draped bust r.; behind, lis and before, cross. Rev. ✠ R – EX:SI✶ – ✶CILI – E Shield of ten lis surmounted by label. Kowalski 3 (K3/C3, this coin). MEC XIV see page 199, C. Spahr 12. MIR 137 (R4). Friedberg 75 (the type illustrated is Messina).

Extremely rare. About extremely fine 15'000

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 171, 2008, Kowalski 4779.

2669

2669 Reale, Brindisi 1266-1278, AV 5.22 g. ·✠ KΛROL'· – ·DEI·GRΛ· Crowned and draped bust r.; behind, lis. Rev. ✠ R –·EX SI· – ·CILI· – E Shield of ten lis surmounted by label. Kowalski 2 (this coin and L21/B8, this reverse illustrated). MEC XIV see page 199, B. Spahr 11. MIR 327 (R4). Friedberg 138.

Minor edge marks and areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 15'000

Ex Kowalski collection and privately purchased from Artemide in January 2010.

2670 Tarì, Brindisi, Messina or Barletta 1266-1278, AV 0.9 g. ✠·KΛROL' REX· around ·K·. Rev. ·✠· – SIC – IŁ Shield with three lis surmounted by label. MEC XIV, 625; also see page 200-201 type C1. Spahr 5 (this coin). MIR 150. Friedberg 77 (Barletta) and 142 (Brindisi).

Rare. About extremely fine 750

Ex Spahr collection and privately purchased from A. Singer in late 1980s.

2671 Tarì, Brindisi, Messina or Barletta 1266-1278, AV 0.92 g. ✠ ○KΛRO[LRE]X○ around ○K○. Rev. ○✠○SIC – IŁ· Shield with three lis surmounted by label. MEC XIV see page 200-201 type C2. Spahr 5 var. MIR 150 var. Friedberg 77 (Barletta) and 142 (Brindisi).

Obverse slightly off-centre and minor marks, otherwise very fine /about extremely fine 500

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 242, 2016, 4148.

2672 Tarì or cavallino, Barletta? 1266-1278, AV 6.49 g. ✠ K[_____]PVL Mounted King riding r. holding sword; the horse's harness decorated with lis. Below, ✶. Rev. Legend off flan around long cross between IC – XC/NI/✶ – KA/✶ below omega suspension marks. MEC XIV unlisted. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted. Friedberg unlisted.

An apparently unique variety of a very rare type and in exceptional condition for the issue.
Good extremely fine 18'000

Ex NAC sale 3, 1990, 232.

WJC: The six pointed stars are a mint mark of Barletta, per Kowalski, on the reale and presumably the same applies here. This would be consistent with the (A)PVL obverse legend.

2673 Tarì or cavallino, Brindisi 1266-1278, AV 7.74 g. [✠ ·K·DEI·]GRL.REX[SICIL] Mounted King riding r. holding sword; the horse's harness decorated with lis. Rev. [✠ DVC APV]LIE·PRC·CΛ[P] Long cross between IC – XC/ ИI – KΛ below omega suspension marks; ·Λ· – ·M· on either side of the base of the cross. C. Bonucci, Annali di Numismatica I, Roma 1846, tav. II, 9 (this specimen drawn) MEC XIV, see page 200, A2. Spahr 14 but this corrects the reading. MIR 328 (this coin). Friedberg unlisted.

Of the highest rarity, the second specimen known and the only one in private hands.
About extremely fine 20'000

Ex NAC/Spink Taisei 52, 1994, 922 and NAC 89, 2015, 675 sales.

The attribution to the Brindisi mint is supported by the legend on the reverse, which lists the sovereign as Duke of Apulia and Prince of Capua, unlike the issue minted in Messina, which instead bears the title of King of Sicily. The publications (Sambon, Cagiati, and CNI) reproduce the design created on the coin from the National Museum of Naples (Santangelo collection 526).

2674

2674 Tarì or cavallino, Messina 1266-1278, AV 8.65 g. ✠·K·DEI·GRACIA°○° Mounted King riding r. holding sword; the horse's harness decorated with lis. Rosette below. Rev. ✠ ·R·SICILIE°○° Long cross between IC – XC/NI – KΛ below omega suspension marks and three pellets below at each side of the foot of the cross. MEC XIV see page 200, A1. Spahr 15 (this coin). MIR 329 (Brindisi, R4, this coin). Friedberg 653a.

Extremely rare and undoubtedly the finest specimen known. One of the finest representations of the medieval period perfectly struck and exceptionally complete.
Good extremely fine 150'000

Ex Bank Leu/M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr 206 and NAC/Spink Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1053.

WJC: By far the finest specimen known and perhaps the only coin of the type with complete legends.

After the victory in the Battle of Benevento, Charles I of Anjou took control of the Kingdom, keeping the mint of Messina active, a strategic center for Mediterranean trade and a key hub in commercial networks between the West and the East. The issue, attributable to the early phase of Angevin rule in Sicily (1266–1282), is traditionally known as the "cavallino" due to the distinctive depiction of the sovereign on horseback—an iconography of clear chivalric origin, intended to exalt royal power and dynastic legitimacy. This representation was introduced into European coinage by Sancho I of Portugal (c. 1185–1211), on a morabitino issued in his name. This element is accompanied, on the reverse, by Christian symbolism, forming a visual synthesis that reflects the Angevin political program. The type fits within the tradition of Sicilian coinage of Islamic-Norman derivation, preserving the reference to the tarì as a unit of account and exchange in Mediterranean trade. The denomination, which can be understood as a multiple of the tarì, stands out for a function not merely local but also oriented toward broader transactions, likely within a mercantile context. From a historical and numismatic perspective, the issue represents a significant example of continuity and adaptation: on the one hand, the preservation of pre-existing economic and weight systems; on the other, the introduction of new iconographic and symbolic models characteristic of Angevin culture. Chronologically, it is situated shortly before the events of the Sicilian Vespers, which brought an end to Angevin presence on the island and led to a subsequent reorganization of the Sicilian monetary system.

2675

2675 Tarì, Messina, Brindisi or Tunisia (1270)?, AV 4.16 g. ✠○SERVVS○[XRI]○ around ·K·. Rev. Outer ring of pellets around long cross flanked by IE – XS under omega shaped suspension marks which are each surmounted by a pellet. MEC XIV see page 200, B1. Spahr 18. MIR 330 (Brindisi, R4). Friedberg unlisted.

Extremely rare. About extremely fine 5'000

2676

2676 Tarì, Messina, Brindisi or Tunisia (1270)?, AV 2.55 g. [✠○SERVVS○XRI○] around K surrounded by three lis. Rev. Ring of pellets off flan around long cross flanked by IE – XS under omega shaped suspension marks. Pellet on either side of foot of cross. MEC XIV see page 200, B2. Spahr 19 (this coin). MIR 331(Brinsdisi, R4). Friedberg unlisted.

Extremely rare. Extremely fine 10'000

Ex Bank Leu/M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr 210.

2677

2677 Tarì, Messina, Brindisi or Tunisia (1270)?, AV 2.96 g. [✠○SERVVS○XRI○] around K flanked by two lis, all under a label of five points. Rev. Traces of Arabic or pseudo Arabic legend almost all off flan around central long cross flanked by Iε – XS under omega shaped suspension marks, each with a single pellet above. MEC XIV, see page 200, B3. Spahr 21 var. (I). MIR 332. (R4, Brindisi).

Extremely rare. Very fine 7'500

Ex NAC/Spink Taisei sale 52, 1994, 1055.

2678

2678 Tarì, Messina, Brindisi or Tunisia (1270)?, AV 1.98 g. [✠○SERVVS○XRI○] around KΛRO/L' under a single lis. Rev. Circle of triangles around central long cross which is flanked by IC – XS under omega shaped suspension marks. MEC XIV see page 200, B4. Spahr 22 (this coin). MIR 333 (Brindisi, R4).

Extremely rare. Extremely fine 15'000

Ex Bank Leu/M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr 212.

WJC: I have never seen another specimen.

In 1270, Charles I of Anjou joined the Eighth Crusade, which had been initiated by his brother, Louis IX of France. Charles persuaded Louis to redirect the crusade toward Tunis, hoping to expand Angevin influence in the central Mediterranean and pressure the Hafsid ruler into becoming a vassal.

The campaign quickly faltered when a devastating plague struck the crusading army; Louis IX died shortly after landing. Charles arrived later with reinforcements, took command, and negotiated a treaty with the Hafsids, securing trade advantages and tribute without major fighting. The expedition is often viewed as a political maneuver by Charles, yielding benefits for his kingdom but marking the ineffective close of the crusading effort.

EARLY DENARI of CHARLES I of ANJOU

2679.1 2679.2 2679.3

2679 Lot of three coins: **2679.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.53 g. [✠] K D[EI GR]A REX ICSI[...] Cross fleury with pellet in each quarter. Rev. ✠ DVC APVL PRIC CAP around APVL, with pellet above, lis below. MEC XIV, 626-627. Travaini (1993) 84. Spahr 23. MIR 334. **2679.2** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.90 g. ✠ K DEI GRA REX [SICIL] Cross pattée with pellet at each end. Rev. ✠ DVCAT APVL [PRIC]CAPV around SICIL' in centre of field with lis above, rosette below. MEC XIV, 628-631. Travaini (1993) 86. Spahr 24. MIR unlisted?. **2679.3** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.75. ✠ ·K·DEI·GRACIA· around lis between two pellets. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross pattée with small square over its centre and with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 632. Travaini (1993) 87. Spahr 25. MIR 335 (Brindisi).
Very fine to extremely fine 150

2680.1 2680.2

2680 Lot of two coins: **2680.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.53 g. [✠ DE]I GR[A REX] SICIL around long cross and K ligate, between two pellets. Rev. ✠ DVC AP[VL PRIC] CAP around cross crosslet. MEC XIV see page 203, 5. Travaini (1993) 88. Spahr 29 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 337. **2680.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.67 g. [✠ DEI] GRA REX SICIL around K with horizontal suspension marks above and below and diamond shaped marks on either side. Rev. DVC – APVL' – [PRIC] – CAP around and in quarters of long cross with lis extending inward in each quarter. MEC XIV 633. Travaini (1993) 90. Spahr 31 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 339.
Very fine 50

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVI, 2016, 516 (Spahr 31)

2681

2681 Multiple denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, Billon 2.12 g. ✠ DEI GRA REX SICIL' around K with horizontal suspension marks above and below and diamond shaped marks on either side. Rev. DVC – APVL' – PRIC – CAP around and in quarters of long cross with lis extending inward in each angle. MEC XIV unlisted but see p. 203, 6. Travaini 90a. Spahr 30 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 338 (R5, this coin).
Extremely rare. Very fine 250

Ex Canessa sale 1 May 1909, Colonna 146.

2682

2682 Multiple denaro, Messina or Brindisi 1266-1278, Billon 2.12 g. ✠ KAROLVS DEI GRA REX around K between two lis with rosette above and below. Rev. ✠ SICILIE DVCATVS APV' around cross crosslet with outward facing lis in each quarter. MEC XIV see page 203, 7. Travaini (1993) 91a. Spahr 32 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 340 (R5, Brindisi).

Of the highest rarity. Fine / about very fine 300

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVI, 2016, 517.
WJC: No regular denaro of the type is recorded.

2683.1 2683.2 2683.3 2683.4

2683 Lot of four coins: **2683.**1 Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.52 g. ✠ DEI GRACIA REX SICIL around ○K○. Rev. ✠ ·D·A·ET PRICIPAT C· Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 204, 8. Travaini (1993) 92. Spahr 33 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 341 (R4). **2683.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.75 g. ✠ ·DEI GR[A] REX SICIL'· around KAR (AR ligate) under omega suspension mark. Rev. DVC APVL ET PRIC CAP Cross pattée with lis under label in 3rd and 4th quarters. MEC XIV, 634-639. Travaini (1993) 93. Spahr 35. MIR 343 (Brindisi), 158 (Messina). **2683.3** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.67 g. ✠ DEI GRA [REX SI]CILIE around KAR (AR ligate) between two pellets. Rev. ✠ DVCAT [APVL] PRCIPAT CA around cross patoncé with pellet in each quarter. MEC XIV, 639A. Travaini (1993) 94. Spahr 36. MIR 344 (R4, Brindisi). **2683.4** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.64 g. ✠ ·DVCAT' APL' EESPRCA· around ·KA· Rev.✠ ·KAR DEI GRA·REX SICL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 640-642. Travaini (1993) 95. Spahr 37 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 160.

Extremely rare (1). Very fine (3 specimens) to extremely fine 250

Ex Artemide Aste sale 25th May 2005, 916 (Spahr 37)

2684

2684 Multiple denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, Billon 1.61 g. ✠·DEI GRA·REX·SCIL' (sic!) around KAR (AR ligate) under omega suspension mark. Rev. DVC·APVL'·E·T·PRIC·CAP· Cross pattée with lis under label in 3rd and 4th quarters. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) 93a. Spahr 34 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 342 (R4, Brindisi).

Extremely rare. Very fine 250

2685

2685 Multiple denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, Billon 2.78 g. ✠ DEI·GRACIA·REX·SICILIE around ·KARx (ARx ligate). Rev. ✠ DVCAT APVL' PCIPAT CAP(AP ligated) around cross patoncé with pellet in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini (1993) unlisted, cp. 94. Spahr unlisted but see previous coin for similar types.

Unpublished and presumably unique. A fantastic coin in exceptional condition, good extremely fine 600

Privately purchased from NAC in 1996.
WJC: Exceptional, unpublished

2686

2686 Half denaro, Messina 1266-1278, Billon 0.49 g. ✠ DVCAT APVL[ ]A around ·KA·. Rev. ✠ KAR DEI GRA REX SICL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV unlisted. Travaini unlisted but see note to 95. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted. Volgano, NC 1991, p. 222 and pl. 45, 5 (this coin).

Apparently unique. Very fine 250

Ex DNW sale 21st February 1996, 145.
WJC: The only fractional denaro I know for Charles I.

2687 2687 2687 2687

2687 Lot of four coins: **2687.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, billon 1.00 g. ✠ DVCA PECI PRIC CAIC around K with a line across and omega suspension mark above. Rev. [✠ DEI]GRA REX ICISI[...] around cross patonce with wedge in each quarter. MEC XIV see page 203, 12. Travaini (1993) 96. Spahr 38 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 345 (Brindisi), 161 (Messina). **2687.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.74 g ✠·K·DEI GRA REX SICIL'· Cross fleurdelisée. Rev. ✠ DVC APE II PIC CAPE Shield with lis surmounted by label, between two lis. MEC XIV, 643. Travaini (1993) 97. Spahr 40 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 347 (R3). **2687.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.52 g. ✠·KA[ROL'D]EI GRA· around four lis. Rev. REX – SIC – ILI – E✠· around and in quarters of long cross. MEC XIV, 644-646. Travaini (1993) 98. Spahr 41 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 348, 162 (Messina). **2687.4** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.95 g. [✠ KA]ROL' DEI GRA around three lis with wedge above. Rev. ✠·RE[X SIC]ILIE Latin cross with pellet at each end. MEC XIV, 647. Travaini (1993) 100. Spahr 43 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 351.

Very rare (1).Very fine 150

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVI, 2016, 527 (Spahr 38)

2688.1

2688.2

2688.3

2688 Lot of three coins: **2688.1** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.92 g. [✠·K]DEI·GRACI[A] around cross moline in frame of eight arches with lis in each quarter. Rev. [✠]REX[SI]CIL[IE] around cross fleury with pellet in each quarter; ornate circle in centre. MEC XIV, 648. Travaini (1993) 101. Spahr 44 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 163. **2688.2** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.57 g. [✠ K DE IGRACIA R]EX SICIL' around cross fleury with a pellet in each quarter. Rev. ✠ DVC [APV]L PRII [CAPVE] around REX. MEC XIV, 649. Travaini (1993) 102. Spahr unlisted but see 45, doppio denaro. (Messina e Brindisi). MIR unlisted but see 155 (due denari). **2688.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.70 g. ✠·K DEI GRA REX SICIL'· around crescent surmounted by lis. Rev. [✠]DVC APVLEI PRIC CAP around cross fleury. MEC XIV, 650-651. Travaini (1993) 103. Spahr 47 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 353.

Very fine to good very fine (one struck on an irregular flan) 50

2689.1

2689.2

2689.3

2689 Lot of three coins: **2689.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.78 g. ✠·K DEI [GRA REX SICIL'·] around crescent surmounted by lis. Rev. [✠]DVC APVLEI PRIC CAP around cross fleury. MEC XIV, 650-651. Travaini (1993) 103. Spahr 47 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 353. **2689.2** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.96 g. ✠ AROL' DEI GRA around K and large lis. ✠ REX SICILIE around cross pattée with pellet at each end. MEC XIV, 652-653; Travaini (1993) 104. Spahr 48 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 164. **2689.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.78 g. [✠ AROL DEI GRACIA] around K✠. Rev. [✠ REX SICILIE] around cross pattée with pellet in each quarter. MEC XIV see page 204, 20. Travaini (1993) 105. Spahr 49 (Messina). MIR 354 (R4), 165 (R3, Messina).

Very fine (2); extremely fine 50

Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVI, 2016, 538 (Very rare, Spahr 49)

2690.1

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2690.3

2690 Lot of three coins: **2690.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1276, billon 0.51 g. DEI [GRA R]EX SICILE around KAR / · with double omega suspension mark above. Rev. ✠ DV[CAPVL'PRIC]CAPE around cross pattée with lis in each quarter. MEC XIV, 660. Travaini (1993) 106. Spahr 50. MIR 355. **2690.2** Denaro, Messina 1276, billon 0.42 g. ✠·[DEI GR]ACIA· around ·KAR· (AR ligate); omega suspension mark above. Rev. ✠·REX [SICIL]IE· around cross pommée with lis in each quarter. MEC XIV, 661-664. Travaini (1993) 107. Spahr 51. MIR 166. **2690.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1277, billon 0.83 g. ✠·DEI GRA R[EX SIC]IL'· around ·K· enclosed in six arches. Rev. ✠·DVCAP[VL]PRIC CAP· around cross botonnée with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 665-668. Travaini (1993) 108. Spahr 52. MIR 356.

Very fine 60

2691 Lot of four coins: **2691.1** Denaro, Messina 1277, billon 0.42 g. [✠ K]DEI GRA R[EX SICIL] around cross pattée within four arches. Rev. [✠ DVC]AT APL ET P[RC CAP] around palm between two pellets and one additional pellet below. MEC XIV, 669-670?; Travaini (1993) 109. Spahr 53. MIR unlisted. **2691.2** Denaro, Messina 1277, billon 1.00 g. ✠ [K DEI] GRA REX SICL around cross pattée within four arches. Rev. [✠]DVCAT APL ET]PRCCAP around palm. Type as above but lacking pellets beside palm. MEC XIV, 669-670? var. Travaini (1993) 109 var. Spahr 53var. MIR unlisted. **2691.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1278, billon 0.59 g. ✠·K DEI GRA REX SICIL'· around cross pattée with pellet at each end, quartered with small crosses. Rev. ✠·DVCAP[LETPR]ICCAP· around shield with three lis under label. MEC XIV see pages 204-205, 27. Travaini (1993) 110. Spahr 54. MIR 357. **2691.4** Denaro, Messina 1278, billon 0.52 g. ✠ K[AR]OL[IERVSA]LEM around cross fourchée with pellet at each end. Rev. [✠]ET[S]IC[LIE REX] around lis. MEC XIV, 671-673. Travaini (1993) 111. Spahr 56. MIR 167.

Good very fine; very fine (3) 75

Ex Artemide Aste sale 15th September 2005, 1815 (Spahr 53var); Ex Artemide Aste sale XLVI, 2016, 547 (Spahr 54); Ex Künker sale 137, 2008, De Witt 3842 (Spahr 54)

WJC: The obverse cross of 2691.3 is a type of Jerusalem Cross and may correspond to Charles' purchase of the claim to the Kingdom of Jerusalem in 1277 from Maria of Antioch.

Charles I of Anjou obtained the title King of Jerusalem in 1277 through a purchase of a legal claim, not by conquest. After the death of Conradin (1268), the Hohenstaufen line ended. The Kingdom of Jerusalem (by then reduced mainly to Acre and a few coastal cities) was in a disputed succession.

Two main claimants existed: Hugh III of Cyprus (who was already acting as King in Acre) and Mary of Antioch, who claimed a closer hereditary right under strict legal interpretation. The key event happened in 1277 when Mary sold her claim to Charles I for money and support. He then asserted his rights and the High Court of Acre recognized his claim while his representative took control of Acre in his name. He never ruled from Jerusalem (the city had been lost to the Muslims since 1244) and his kingship was mostly titular and political, centred in Acre. His control was short-lived; after his death (1285), the claim weakened. The Kingdom of Jerusalem fell completely in 1291 (fall of Acre)

2692 Multiple denaro, Messina 1278, Billon 0.99 g. ✠ KAROL IERVSALEM around cross fourchée with pellet at each end. Rev. ✠·ET·SICILIE·REX°○° around lis. MEC XIV unlisted; Travaini (1993) 111a. Spahr 55. MIR 152 (R3).

Very rare. Good very fine 500

Ex Artemide Aste XLVI sale, 2016, 548.

2693.1

2693.5

2693 Lot of five coins: **2693.1** Denaro (4), Messina before 1277?, billon of 0.65 g., 0.61 g., 0.86 and 0.85 g. ✠ [K DEI]GRA REX C[...] around cross pattée with lis in each quarter. ✠ DVC[AT APL PRC]CAP around lis with two pellets at sides and two pellets below. MEC XIV, 654-658. Travaini (1993) 112. Spahr unlisted. MIR 156. - **2693.5** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.53 g. ✠ [K DEI GRA REX SI]CI around cross pattée with star in each quarter. Rev. [DVCAT APL PRC CAP] around lis between two pellets. MEC XIV 658A. Travaini (1993) 112 var. Spahr unpublished. MIR unlisted.

Very fine to good very fine 100

Ex Artemide Aste December 28th sale, 2004, 914 (Travaini (1993) 112, 0.65 g)

WJC: These issues probably predate the above coins with the Jerusalem cross or title.

2694

2694 Denaro, Messina? 1266-1278, Billon 0.77 g. ✠·K·D'I GRACIA· Crowned head l. Rev. ✠ ·R·SICILIE· around cross pattée with trefoil of pellets in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 659. Travaini (1993) 113. Spahr (1982) 222 (as Federico il Semplice). MIR 169 (R3).

Very rare and in unusual condition for the issue. Good very fine 150

2695

2695 Denaro, Messina? 1266-1278, Billon 0.79 g. ✠·K·D'I [GR]ACIA· Crowned l. Rev. ✠ ·R·S[IC]ILIE· around cross pattée with trefoil of pellets in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 659. Travaini (1993) 113. Spahr (1982) 222 (as Federico il Semplice). MIR 169 (R3).

Very rare. Very fine 100

Large Lots

2696.1

2696.2

2696 DENARI of HENRY VI and FREDERICK, 1196-1197

Lot of two coins: **2696.1** Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1196-1197, AR 0.79 g. ✠ E INPERATOR Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. FREDERIC'REX Crowned bust with pendilia; crown and bust are plain. MEC XIV, 488. Travaini (1993) 8. Spahr 32. MIR 58 (Messina). **2696.2** Denaro, Palermo or Messina 1196-1197, billon 0.70 g. ✠ E INPERATOR Eagle with wings spread, head l.; an annulet on each wing. Rev. FREDERIC'REX Crowned bust with pendilia. MEC XIV, 491. Travaini (1993) 9. Spahr unlisted. MIR unlisted.

Extremely fine and good very fine 75

2697.1

2697.2

2697.3

2697 DENARI Issues with CONSTANCE of ARAGON

Lot of three coins: **2697.1** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.48 g. FREDERIC ·REX· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescents on each side of crown and pellets on each side of tail. Rev. ✠ ·C· – RE – GI – NA distributed in arms of long cross fleurdelisée with pellet above crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 503-506. Travaini (1993) 15. Spahr 86. MIR 82 (Messina). **2696.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.74 g. ✠ FREDERICVS·R· Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ CONSTANCIA·R· around cross pattée with fleur facing inward in each quarter. MEC XIV, 507. Travaini (1993) 16. Spahr 88. MIR 83 (Messina). **2697.3** Denaro, Messina-Palermo 1209-1213, billon 0.60 g. ✠ FREDERICVS·R· Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ CONSTANCIA·R· around cross pattée with fleur facing inward in each quarter. MEC XIV, 507. Travaini (1993) 16. Spahr 88. MIR 83 (Messina).

Extremely fine. 100

2698.1

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2698.5

2698 DENARI OF FREDERICK II, as EMPEROR, 1220-1250

Lot of five coins: **2698.1** Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1198-1208, billon 0.75 g. ✠ FREDERIC'REX Eagle with wings spread, head l.; crescent over its head. Rev. ✠ RGNI SICILIE around eight-pointed star with pellets. MEC XIV, 502. Travaini (1993) 12. Spahr 91. MIR 86 (Messina). **2698.2** Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1220-1221, billon 0.88 g. ✠ FRIDERICVS Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ IMPERATOR Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 535. Travaini (1993) 21. Spahr 106 (Messina). MIR 87 (Messina). **2698.3** Denaro, Messina-Palermo c. 1220-1221, billon 0.81 g. ✠ FRIDERICVS Eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ IMPERATOR Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 535. Travaini (1993) 21. Spahr 106 (Messina). MIR 87 (Messina). **2698.4** Denaro, Messina 1225, billon 0.71 g. ✠·F·IPERATOR around cross pattée with three pellets in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ✠ ·IRL'·SICIL'·RE Crowned head l. MEC XIV, 545. Travaini (1993) 27. Spahr 113. MIR 93. **2698.5** Denaro, Messina 1228, billon 0.67 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR Eagle with spread wings, head l. Rev. ✠ RE✠ IERVSOLOMIT around cross pattée with S I C I in quarters. MEC XIV, 547. Travaini (1993) 29. Spahr 114. MIR 94.

Very fine to extremely fine 100

2699 DENARI OF FREDERICK II, as EMPEROR, 1220-1250

Lot of five coins: **2699.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1236, billon 0.91 g. ✠ ·F·IMPERATOR· around cross pattée with single pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarters. Rev. ✠ ·R·IER'SL·ET·SICIL· around A flanked by two pellets. MEC XIV, 548. Travaini (1993) 30. Spahr 118. MIR 280 (R3). **2699.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1239, billon 0.54 g. R·F· – IM – PER – ATO in quarters of long cross. Rev. ·R·I – ER' – ET·S – ICL'· in quarters of long cross with crowned head at centre. MEC XIV 549-551. Travaini (1993) 31. Spahr 121. MIR 282. **2699.3** Denaro, Brindisi 1243, billon 1.06 g. ✠ F·ROM·IPR'·SE(line over E)P·AVG'· Bare head r. Rev. ✠·RIERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Eagle with spread wings, head r. MEC XIV, 555-557. Travaini (1993) 35. Spahr 128 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 286 (Brindisi), 97 (Messina). **2699.4** Denaro, Brindisi 1244?, billon 0.89 g. ✠·F·ROM·IPR'·SE· ·AVG Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, see p. 181, 25. Travaini (1993) 37. Spahr 130 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 98 (Messina), 288 (R4, Brindisi). **2699.5** Half denaro, Brindisi 1244?, Billon 0.47 g. ✠·F ROM IPR.SE· AVG Crowned eagle with spread wings, head r. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL' ET SICIL' Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 25. Travaini (1993) 37a. Spahr 132 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 115 (Messina) 289 (R4, Brindisi).

Very fine to extremely fine 100

2700 DENARI OF FREDERICK II, as EMPEROR, 1220-1250

Lot of five coins: **2700.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1245?, billon 0.72 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around IPR under double omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 560-561. Travaini (1993) 40. Spahr 135 (Messina o Brindisi 1245). MIR 290. **2700.2** Denaro, Messina 1245?, billon 0.88 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around I· under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·R·IERL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 562. Travaini (1993) 41. Spahr 137 (Messina o Brindisi 1246). MIR 101. **2700.3** Half denaro, Messina 1245?, billon 0.46 g. ✠·F·ROMANORVM around I· under a single omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERL ET ƧICL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV see page 181, 28. Travaini (1993) 41a. Spahr 138 (Messina o Brindisi 1246). MIR 117 (R3). **2700.4** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1247/8?, billon, 0.89 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around FR with horizontal suspension mark above and star below. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross with small circle over its centre. MEC XIV, 565-566. Travaini (1993) 44. Spahr 143 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 103 (Messina). **2700.5** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1247/8?, billon, 0.65 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligated)ERATOR· around FR with horizontal suspension mark above and star below. Rev. ✠·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· Cross with small circle over its centre. MEC XIV, 565-566. Travaini (1993) 44. Spahr 143 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 103 (Messina).

Extremely fine 100

2701 DENARI OF FREDERICK II, as EMPEROR, 1220-1250

Lot of five coins: **2701.1** Denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon, 0.87 g. ✠·ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around F·R under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERSL'ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with star in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 567-568. Travaini (1993) 45. Spahr 144 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 294. **2701.2** Half denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon, 0.49 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR· around F·R under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠·IERLS'·ET·SICIL'·R· Cross pattée with stars in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV see page 181, 31. Travaini (1993) 45a. Spahr 145 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 295 (R4). **2701.3** Half denaro, Brindisi 1248?, billon 0.30 g. ✠ ROM IMPERATOR around FR under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET SICIL'· around cross. MEC XIV see page 181, 32. Travaini 47a. Spahr 147 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 297 (R3). **2701.4** Denaro, Brindisi 1249, billon 0.92 g. ✠ ROM·INP(INP ligate)ERATOR around F with star above and to either side. Rev. ✠ ·R·IERSL'·ET·SICIL'· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 570-571. Travaini (1993) 48. Spahr 148 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 298. **2701.5** Denaro, Brindisi? 1249, billon 0.80 g. INP(INP ligate)ERATOR·ROM around F with star above and to either side. IERL'·ET·SICIL'·R around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 572-573. Travaini (1993) 49. Spahr 150 (Messina o Brindisi). MIR 300 (R4).

Very fine to extremely fine 75

2702 COINAGE of MUHAMMAD ibn 'ABBAD during the ARAB REVOLT 1220-1222

Lot of two coins: **2702.1** Denaro, Entella? or Iato?, billon, 0.64 g. Inscription in three line Nashki script "Muhammad ibn / 'Abbad amir / al-muslimin". Rev. Three line Nashki inscription with The Profession of Faith. MEC XIV, 574-575. MIR 4 (Entella?). **2702.2** Denaro, Entella? or Iato?, billon, 0.40 g. Inscription in three line Nashki script "Muhammad ibn / 'Abbad amir / al-muslimin". Rev. Three line Nashki inscription with The Profession of Faith. MEC XIV, 574-575. MIR 4 (Entella?).

Very fine 100

2703 COINS of CONRAD I, 1250-1254 and CONRAD II (Conradin), 1254-1258.

Lot of six coins: **2703.1** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.71 g. ✠ CONRADVS around cross with square pellet in 1st and 4th quarters. Rev. ✠ ·IERL' ET SICIL'· around RX under omega suspension mark. MEC XIV, 585-589A. Travaini (1993) 52. Spahr 155. MIR 306 (Brindisi). **2703.2** Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.76 g. ✠ ·C·SECVNDVS· Crowned eagle facing with spread wings, head l. Rev. ✠ IER·ETSICIL·R· Cross with pellet in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 590. Travaini (1993) 56. Spahr 166 (Messina). MIR 310, 126 (Messina). **2703.3** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon 1.00 g. SE – CV – ND – VS in quarters of long cross in centre of which is C within a small circle. Rev. ✠ IERL'ET·SICL·R Eagle with wings spread, head l. MEC XIV see page 189, 3. Travaini (1993) 58. Spahr 171 (Messina). MIR 314 (R4, Brindisi). **2703.4** Denaro Messina?, billon, 0.63 g. ✠ SECVNDVS·R'· around CR under an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL'· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 595A. Travaini (1993) 61(Brindisi o Messina). Spahr 175 (Messina). MIR 317 (Brindisi). **2703.5** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina, billon, 0.71 g. ✠ ·SECVND' IERL' around ·C· beneath an omega suspension mark. Rev. ✠ ·ET SICIL' REX· around cross with trefoil of pellets on a stem in 2nd and 3rd quarters. MEC XIV, 596. Travaini (1993) 63. Spahr 177 (Messina). MIR 320 (Brindisi). **2703.6** Denaro, Brindisi, billon, 0.41 g. ✠ ·SECVNDVS·R· around C between four small crescents. Rev. ✠ ·IER'ET·SICIL' around cross with crescent in each quarter. MEC XIV, 597; Travaini (1993) 64; Spahr 178 (Messina). MIR 322.

Very fine to extremely fine 100

2704 COINS of MANFRED, 1258-1266

Lot of five coins: **2704.1** Denaro, Brindisi, billon 0.56 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· around ·A·. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 602 Travaini (1993) 65 (Brindisi?). Spahr 193 (Brindisi?). MIR 324. **2704.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.72 g. ✠ ·MAYNFRIDVS· around ·AP· ligate and with pellet above. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross with a wedge in each quarter. MEC XIV unlisted but see page 193, 3. Travaini (1993) 66. Spahr 195 (Brindisi?). MIR 326 (Brindisi). **2704.3** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon, 0.52 g. ✠ ·M[AY]NFRIDVS· Crowned eagle with wings spread, head l. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 603. Travaini (1993) 68. Spahr 196 (Messina). MIR 136 (Messina), 486 (Manfredonia). **2704.4** Denaro, Messina, billon, 0.85 g. ✠·AYИF(NF ligate)R'REX· around M. ✠ ·SICILIE Cross pattée with pellets at corners on end of each arm. MEC XIV, 611-612. Travaini (1993) 72. Spahr 204. MIR 481 (Manfredonia). 481 (Manfredonia). These coins correct the obverse and reverse readings of Travaini 72. **2704.5** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.62 g. ✠ ·AYNF(NF ligate)R·REX· around "·m·" Rev. ✠·SICILIE· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 613. Travaini (1993) 73-77 are all minor variants with differing number of pellets. Spahr 206. MIR 482 (Manfredonia).

Very fine 80

2705 COINS of MANFRED, 1258-1266

Lot of six coins: **2705.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.73 g. ✠ ·AYNF(NF ligate)R·REX· around "·m·" Rev. ✠·SICILIE· around cross pattée. MEC XIV, 613. Travaini (1993) 73-77 are all minor variants with differing number of pellets. Spahr 206. MIR 482 (Manfredonia). **2705.2** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia, billon 0.75 g. ✠ ·AYNF(NF ligate)R·REX· around "·m·" Rev. ✠·SICILIE· Cross pattée. MEC XIV, 613. Travaini (1993) 73-77 are all minor variants with differing number of pellets. Spahr 206. MIR 482 (Manfredonia). **2705.3** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.65 g. ✠ ·MA[YИF(ИF ligate)]R R· around elaborate Tau cross (with Gothic M as top bar) surrounded by three pellets. Rev. ✠ ·S[ICIL]IE Cross pattée with pellets at end of each arm. MEC XIV, 614. Travaini (1993) 78. Spahr 211. MIR 140. **2705.4** Denaro, Messina, billon 0.66 g. ✠ ·MA[YИF(ИF ligate)]R R· around elaborate Tau cross (with Gothic M as top bar) surrounded by three pellets. Rev. ✠ ·S[ICIL]IE Cross pattée with pellets at end of each arm. MEC XIV, 614. Travaini (1993) 78. Spahr 211. MIR 140. **2705.5** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia billon denaro 0.52 g. [✠ MAYИFR]IDVS around m with pellet above, below and in centre of m. Rev. ✠ REX·SICILIE Cross patoncé. MEC XIV see p. 193, 11. Travaini (1993) 80. Spahr 214 (Manfredonia). MIR photo 484b (Manfredonia). **2705.6** Denaro, Brindisi or Manfredonia billon denaro 0.66 g. [✠ MAYИFR]IDVS around m with pellet above, below and in centre of m. Rev. ✠ REX·SICILIE Cross patoncé. MEC XIV see p. 193, 11. Travaini (1993) 80. Spahr 214 (Manfredonia). MIR photo 484b (Manfredonia).

Very fine to extremely fine 100

2706 EARLY DENARI of CHARLES I of ANJOU

Lot of five coins: **2706.1** Denaro, Brindisi or Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.68. ✠ ·K·DEI·GRACIA· around lis between two pellets. Rev. ✠ ·REX·SICILIE· around cross pattée with small square over its centre and with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 632. Travaini (1993) 87. Spahr 25. MIR 335 (Brindisi). **2706.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.62 g. [✠ DEI GRA REX]SICIL around K with horizontal suspension marks above and below and diamond shaped marks on either side. Rev. [DVC – APVL' – PRIC – CAP] around and in quarters of long cross with lis extending inward in each quarter. MEC XIV 633. Travaini (1993) 90. Spahr 31 (Brindisi o Messina). MIR 339. **2706.3** Denaro, Messina 1266-1278, billon 0.61 g. ✠ KDEIGRACIAREX SICIL'] around cross fleury with a pellet in each quarter. Rev. ✠ [DVC APVL PRII CAPVE] around REX. MEC XIV, 649. Travaini (1993) 102. Spahr unlisted but see 45, doppio denaro. (Messina e Brindisi). MIR unlisted but see 155 (due denari). **2706.4** Denaro, Brindisi 1266-1278, billon 0.71 g. [✠·K DEI GRA REX] SICIL'· around crescent surmounted by lis. Rev. [✠DVC APVLEI] PC CAP around cross Fleury. MEC XIV, 650-651. Travaini (1993) 103. Spahr 47 (Messina e Brindisi). MIR 353. **2706.5** Denaro, Brindisi 1277, billon 0.49 g. [✠·]DEI G[RA EX SIC]IL'·] around ·K· enclosed in six arches. Rev. [✠·]DVC APVL[PRIC CAP·] around cross botonnée with a star in each quarter. MEC XIV, 665-668. Travaini (1993) 108. Spahr 52. MIR 356.

Very fine 80

2707 EARLY DENARI of CHARLES I of ANJOU

Lot of two coins: **2707.1** Denaro, Messina 1277, billon 0.61 g. ✠ K DEI GRA REX SICIL around cross pattée within four arches. Rev. [✠D]VC[AT APL ET]PR[C C]A[P] around palm. MEC XIV, 669-670? var. Travaini (1993) 109 var. Spahr 53var. MIR unlisted. **2707.2** Denaro, Brindisi 1278, billon 0.60 g. [✠·K DEI GRA R]EX [SICIL'·] around cross pattée with pellet at each end, quartered with small crosses. Rev. [✠·]DVC AP[L ET PRIC CAP·] around shield with three lis under label. MEC XIV see pages 204-205, 27. Travaini (1993) 110. Spahr 54. MIR 357.

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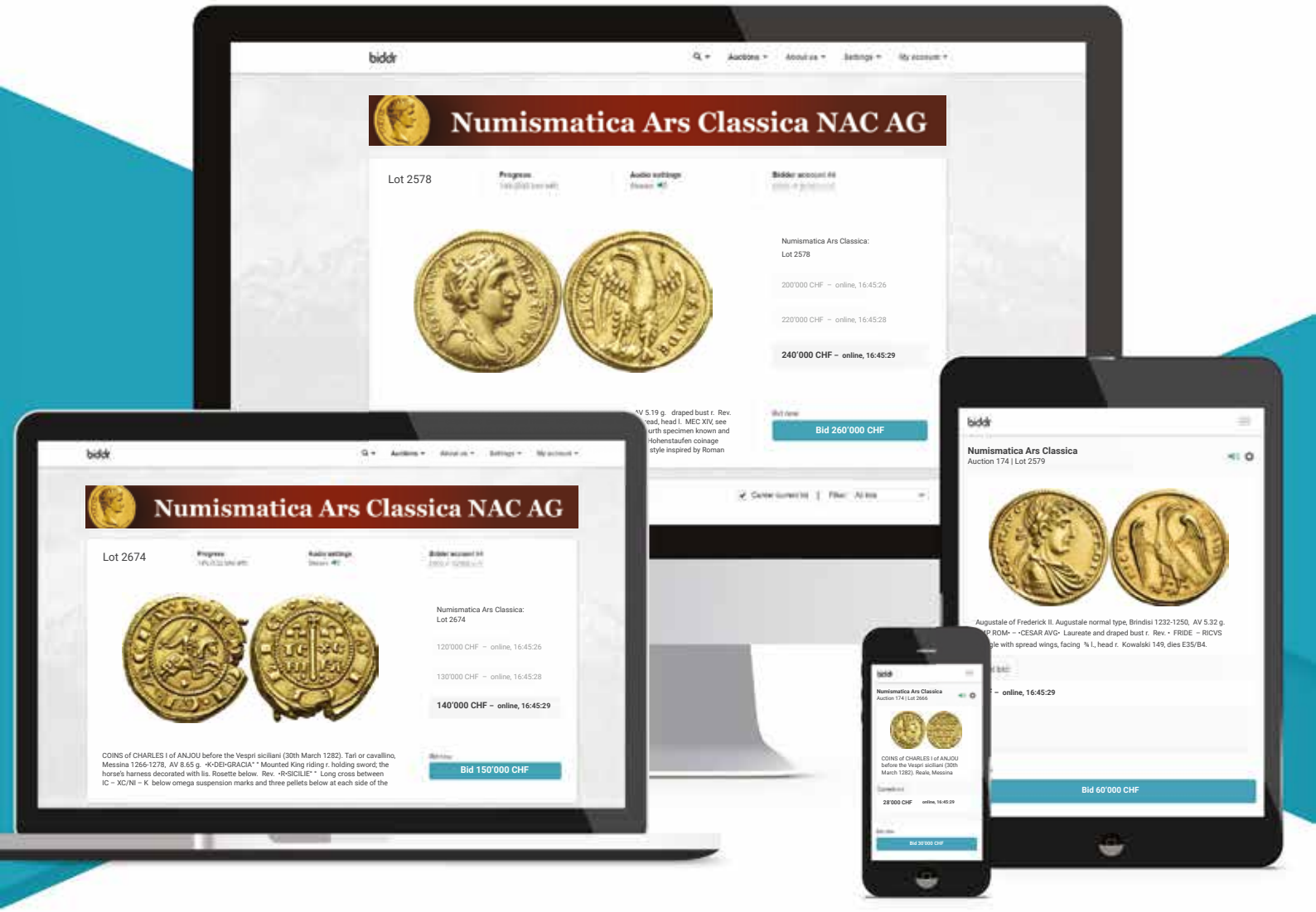

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