



DENMARK

1761 FREDERIK V 12 MARKS (COURANT GOLD DUCAT) NGC MS61



Frederick V (31 March 1723 – 14 January 1766) was king of Denmark–Norway and Duke of Schleswig-Holstein from 6 August 1746 until his death in 1766. He was the son of Christian VI of Denmark and Sophie Magdalene of Brandenburg-Kulmbach. Although the personal influence of Frederick was limited, his reign was marked by the progress of commerce and trade, and art and science prospered under his reign. Unlike his parents who were deeply devoted to Pietism, Frederick grew into a hedonist. As regent, he took part in the conduct of government by attending council meetings, but he was afflicted by alcoholism and most of his rule was dominated by able ministers such as A. G. Moltke, J. H. E. Bernstorff and H. C. Schimmelmann. Although he wasn't personally interested in cultural affairs, the public entertainment and freedom of expression that had been banned during his father's reign was again permitted.

The Norwegian Masonic historian Karl Ludvig Tørrisen Bugge claimed Frederick V as crown prince was included in the Copenhagen Masonic Lodge St. Martin. This was probably June 1744, and inspired by the Prussian king Frederick the Great who was also included in a masonic lodge in his youth. They both had fathers who were violently opposed to the Masons, but unlike the Prussian king, Frederick V never published his membership of the lodge.

As an active Freemason, he set up on 24 June 1749 the first Masonic lodge in Norway

FR. 269 (KM587.5) A very rare piece in uncirculated condition. Great luster with incredible strike for this piece.

