

# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street  
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

## October Meeting: Spooky magic

**H**alloween is upon us once again. Bring your favorite fright-themed trick and prepare to chill. Scare the crowd on **October 8 at 7:30 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

## Minutes of Sept. Meeting

10 September 2012 7:45 PM      17 members attending  
1 guest

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.  
Sec'y's Rpt. Accepted as published.  
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.  
No old business this month.  
New Bus.: Dan postponed NB until after his committee report.  
G&W: **Marlene Clark** thanks us for the card. She is improving.  
Dan attended the Magic Fest on the Cape and took the **David Oliver** wristbands. We have \$50 more for the DO fund  
The late **Sid Radner's** collection of Houdini memorabilia will be on display at the Wistaria Historical Museum in Holyoke.  
(See page two for other upcoming magic performances.)  
**Cal Vinick** is a 55-year member of the Society.  
Cmte. Rpts.: Dan lent his historical slides to **Bruce Kalver** so he can scan them to help identify the people in them. Also, in some old Sphinx magazines, he found assembly reports from #21. Included in them was a report in 1940 about a celebratory dinner that was held at the Rockledge Country Club! Dan and **Angelo Chirico** arranged to book **John Carney** for a lecture on November 1, with a turkey dinner beforehand that Angelo will price at \$19.40. (Carney's lecture is \$25.) Angelo wants to get a magic show benefit for David Oliver using the Boston magi and possibly some of

## When Last We Met



**Rick St. Pierre** does a packet trick with **Barbara Scully**.

us locals.  
**Steve Wronker** reported his findings on PayPal donations for the DO fund. Discussions continue.  
Adjourned 7:52 PM  
The theme for tonight was the number Nine, since September is the ninth month. Theme host **Dana Ring** led off by performing Emerson & West's "Six Mix" in which a spectator, from a packet of sixes, is able to find the only nine.  
**Rick St. Pierre** then brought up **Barbara Scully** to separate some cards into red/black piles without looking at the faces. Thanks to Rick's magic, Barbara was able to get them exactly right.  
**Soll Levine** passed out copies of instructions for two mathematical routines. By following the instructions, no matter what number is chosen to start off, the ending number matches a prediction.  
**Dan Sclare** had a deck and a prediction in a packet. A number was called out and the card at that position in the deck matched the prediction.  
**Jason Abate** had a packet of cards (they were the four nines!) A particular nine was chosen and that nine proved to be unique in the packet. Of course, Jason then showed that each of the nines was unique in some way or other.

## From The President's Hat

Dan Sclare's column

I will not be at the October meeting. I will be attending the Genii convention in Orlando.

I have been busy with the duties of becoming appointed the Life Membership Chairman of The Society Of American Magicians. If you are a member in good standing of the S.A.M. you are eligible to become a Life Member. To find out more about this check out the information on the S.A.M. website.

<http://magicsam.com/presidents-welcome/s-a-m-life-membership/>

November should be a good month with two lectures, David Corsaro on the 12th and John Carney on the 1st with the option for a turkey dinner for \$19.40 before the lecture.

The turkey dinner is to celebrate the fact that in November 1940 Assembly 21 celebrated their 10th anniversary with a turkey dinner at Rockledge Country Club. Stay tuned for more information, but please plan to attend both lectures.

I purchased a few more issues of The Sphinx. Most have Assembly 21 reports. I will be sharing them with you in the next newsletters.

I.B.M. members, I hope you found it interesting that one of the Assembly 21 Charter Members, Ernest Schiedge, aka Don Rogers, was one of the 3 founding members of the I.B.M. Read more at [http://www.magician.org/portal/news/magic\\_history](http://www.magician.org/portal/news/magic_history)

Both the I.B.M. and S.A.M. have great websites. Check them out.

<http://www.magician.org/portal/en/node/26>

<http://magicsam.com/>

The S.A.M. site has recently been updated and is still being worked on.

Have a great meeting. See you in November.

Reminders

Pay your dues

Write your Bio.

Magically yours,

Dan Sclare

CCMA President/Historian

## Vegas Convention Photo



Taken at the Life Member Breakfast: SAM Dean **George Schindler**, **Johnny Thompson** (The Great Tomsoni), **Nina Schindler**, and the new Life Member Committee Chairman, **Dan Sclare**.

*Dale Farris photo*

## Upcoming Magic

SAM127 is hosting a Troy Hooser lecture on Oct. 2.  
[www.magicsam127.org/](http://www.magicsam127.org/)

Metro Magic in New Jersey, Oct. 14.  
[www.metro-magic.com](http://www.metro-magic.com)

Dave Garrity in a show in Harrisville, RI, Nov. 10. 8pm  
[www.sam16.com](http://www.sam16.com)

The Inner Circle of Bizarre Magick, Southbury, CT, Nov. 15-17.  
[www.icbmmagick.com/events.php](http://www.icbmmagick.com/events.php)

SAMCOM, Peabody, MA, Nov. 3  
[http://www.sam104.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=55](http://www.sam104.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=55)

## Lecture In Wallingford

**A** reminder that the Wallingford Assembly has **Troy Hooser** lecturing on October 2, 2012, at 7:00pm.

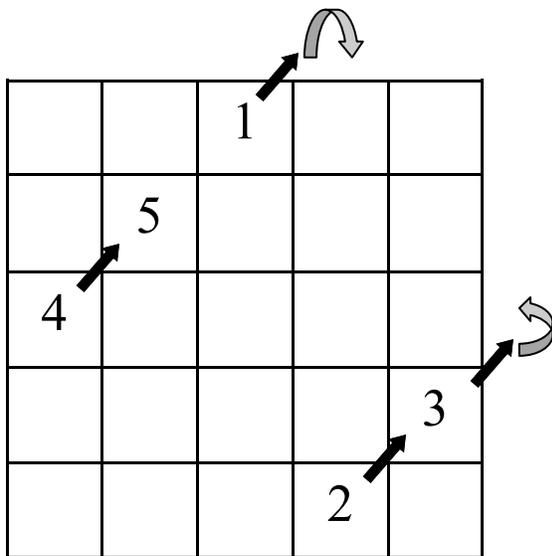
Location: First United Methodist Church (Downstairs)  
941 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford, CT

Date: October 2, 2013 Time: 7:00pm

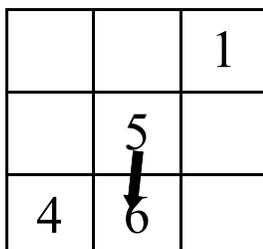
Price: \$10.00 (for-non-SAM #127 members)

## How To Make A Magic Square

Here's a quick way to make a 5 × 5 "magic square"—one in which all columns, all rows, and both diagonals add up to the same number. The simplest one starts with the number 1 and goes up to 25. Start in the middle of the top row. Then continue "up-and-to-the-right." If you go past the top of the grid, continue at the bottom; if you go past the right of the grid, continue on the left.



When the next "up-and-to-the-right" square is already filled, put the next number in the square directly below, instead.



When you're done, you'll have a grid that looks like this:

17	24	1	8	15
23	5	7	14	16
4	6	13	20	22
10	12	19	21	3
11	18	25	2	9

All the rows, columns, and diagonals add up to 65. In addition, the four corners plus the middle add up to 65, as well. You do not have to start at 1, though. Here's one that starts at 4:

20	27	4	11	18
26	8	10	17	19
7	9	16	23	25
13	15	22	24	6
14	21	28	5	12

The magic number here is 80. (The magic number will always be  $5 \times$  the number in the middle square.) It is not necessary to increase the beginning number by 1: just be sure to increase each number by the same amount. This last one starts at 5 and increases by 3. Its magic number is 205.

53	74	5	26	47
71	17	23	44	50
14	20	41	62	68
32	38	59	65	11
35	56	77	8	29

Throw in fractions and negative numbers and it's possible to create a square that adds up to whatever you want.