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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)

May Meeting: Dan Garrett Lecture

Past National President **Dan Garrett** will deliver a lecture to our club at our next meeting. (See details of the lecture on page two.) The lecture is free for all CCMA members, \$15 for all others. Be with us on **May 13**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of April Meeting

8 April 2013 7:36 PM

18 members attending

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.
Sec'y's Rpt. Accepted as published.
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.
G&W: The benefit for **David Oliver** will be at the restaurant on April 20, with prizes and raffles.
Jack Stroup recently had eye surgery. The club will send a card.
Danny Orleans will be at the Magic Barn in June.
Lectures: **Dan Garrett** will lecture for us next month. Tim Sonfelt will be in Wallingford on May 14th.

David Haversat is a collector and is in possession of **Bassett Mordecai's** old scrapbook. Dan is hoping to get David to give a historical presentation to us at either our June or July meeting.
Dan reported that **Cal Vinick** has a scrapbook of his own. Dan also has a bunch of slides of the 1957 CT convention and told us of his quest to identify the people shown in them.

Adjourned 7:50PM

Theme captain **Angelo Chirico** chose MONEY magic this month. (The IRS takes it away in a week, so conjure with it while ya' still got it.) Angelo started us off by tearing a piece off a bill.

When Last We Met



Dana Ring about to make a horrible mistake.

He vanished the bill, which re-appeared inside an envelope he set aside earlier, with the torn piece matching.

Rick St. Pierre played a guessing game with Angelo's wife, Sheila. It involved two cards and \$20. If Sheila was NOT able to guess either card, she'd get the money. However, she was able to correctly guess one of the cards so she... won?

Jon Cap showed two poker chips, which turned into a silver and a copper coin. The silver coin vanished; the other proved to be copper on both sides, then silver on both sides. He placed it in a spectator's hands, and when removed, turned into a giant half-dollar.

Dan Sclare chose three people and placed some change into each person's fist. He had them do calculations with a number of their choosing to guess how much they held. Their final answer was 2½! The kicker was that they indeed had that much money. Two whole pennies, half of another.

Dana Ring did a routine with an old Adams money printer that he claimed he received from his weird Uncle Zach, with a warning not to

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Broken Wand

S.A.M. National joins Assembly 21 in mourning the death of Compeer **William "Bill" Saypalia** (80), of Broad Brook, CT on April 18, 2013.

Compeer Saypalia first joined the S.A.M. in May of 1954. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and served as a scientist and chemist with Pratt & Whitney, and held an early patent for solar heating and cooling.

Services were held on April 23. Personal tributes and reflections may be offered on this link:

<http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/hartfordcourant/guestbook.aspx?n=william-saypalia&pid=164383333&cid=full>

Rev. Michael Douglass
S.A.M. National Chaplain

April Minutes, continued

“overdo” it. He placed a \$1 bill into the device and a \$5 bill came out. Encouraged, he put the five back in and a \$20 bill came out. Ignoring Uncle Zach’s admonition, he put the twenty into the device, but the only thing that came out was a piece of paper chiding him for his greed.

Peter Lennis had four coins, put three of them openly into Angelo’s hand while keeping one. Suddenly Peter had two coins, and when Angelo opened his hand, he only had two, too.

Peter offered a deck to Dan, who shuffled and put them in a case. Dan slid out the top card, and Peter was able to name it. He was able to immediately repeat this for **Jason Abate**, **Dave Garrity**, and **Brian Scully**.

He asked Sheila to look at five poker chips, think of one as “hers” and place it in a paper bag, followed by the others. Peter correctly guessed which chip was hers. Three times.

As a finale, he had a card selected, lost, and shuffled. He then narrowed it down to three cards. After concentrating, one of the cards began to smoke—the correct card!

Dan offered a choice of decks to Angelo and did a you-do-as-I-do behind their backs to choose a card. Not only did the cards match, but the cards’ backs matched each other’s deck.

Jason asked **Steve Wronker** to write a four-digit amount of money on a paper. Steve folded the paper and handed it to Peter (making jokes about center-tears). Despite never seeing the paper, Jason was able to name the amount.

Norm St. Laurent borrowed a \$20 bill from Peter and put up a \$1 bill himself. He folded the bills and put them both in Peter’s fist. He took out the \$20 to hold in his own fist. When their fists were opened, Peter had the \$20 and Norm held the \$1.

Dan Garrett Lecture *Forward into the Past*

A Brand New Lecture

- Entertaining performances
- All new material
- Many tricks never seen before
- A fun learning experience
- Laughs galore!
- Real secrets of performing
- Take your magic to new heights
- Classic methods
- Modern presentations

Forward Into the Past is a brand-new lecture experience filled with magic from Dan Garrett’s working repertoire of both past and present. The contents include mainly close-up magic and mentalism with coins, knives, paddles and cards. It has been rumored that there is even a grand illusion in this lecture. (?)

Serious magic and comedy magic: there is truly something for everyone. Emphasis is placed on improving your performances and tapping in to the emotions and intellect of your audiences.

A Partial List of Contents:

Magi-Fest Jest – a hilarious MC gag.

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Desire Under the Elms(leys) – a strange and wonderful *biological circus routine* with a few acrobatic cards.

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Even More Magic with cards, coins, rubber bands, character impersonations, and the *awesome power* of words!

Grab this chance to learn from one of magic’s most acclaimed performers and teachers.

If you miss this experience, you won’t be able to sleep with yourself again!

From The President's Hat

As posted earlier it is with a sad heart that we note the passing of compeer Bill Saypalia (4/18/2013). He was a S.A.M. member for more than 65 years. He was also a member of the I.B.M. John Marenholtz reported to me that Bill always had something to perform at the meetings. If I remember correctly we celebrated his 65 year in the S.A.M. at a meeting in Newington.

If you were not at the fund raiser for David Oliver on the 20th you missed a fantastic time.

Thank you to Angelo and his staff for the great food and service. Thank you to the guys from Boston and to Bill Hoagland, Jim Spinatto and David Garrity. Rick, Dana, and yours truly also helped out. We raised just over \$1200 for David Oliver!

Asking again, please turn in a bio for our historical records. Also if you come across anything of a magical interest for our newsletter please submit it to Dana

See you at the meeting with Dan Garrett!



From The June 1948 Sphinx:

Royal Vilas Assembly No. 20 (NE) (H★S)

Pres.—DR. PETER PILLEGI
Secy.—GARLAND W. HARGER
 2405 North Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.
Scribe.—W. C. WEBER
 484 State Street, Bridgeport 3, Conn.
Meets.—2nd THURSDAY OF MONTH
 Workingman's Circle Hall
 Corner Capital and Hudson Streets

Bridgeport, Conn. — The regular May meeting of Royal Vilas Assembly opened at 9 P. M. with Past President Harold Seltenreich in the chair in the absence of our President, Rudolph Nemeskay.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers consisting of the following: for President, Dr. Peter Pileggi; Vice President, Louis S. Konya; Secretary, Garland W. Harger; Sergeant-at-Arms, Edward D. W. Madden; Scribe, W. C. Weber; Delegate, Jimmy Ryan. All these were unanimously elected.

Compeer Walter Schwartz reported that he had engaged Professor Nobroc as our guest entertainer for the next meeting and that there would be an auction also.

The meeting was adjourned and Vynn Boyar took over, giving us a most remarkable demonstration of his ability to handle cards. With the aid of his special mirror arrangement, every person present could see all the moves and from the close and undivided attention given him it could easily be decided that his work was extremely interesting and informative. Most of those present sat on the edge of their chairs in order not to miss anything. The writer has been doing magic for 40 years and he learned plenty, which, in itself, testifies to the worth of Vynn's work. After it was all over, Vynn was surrounded by a group desiring repetition of explanations so that they could go home and practice them successfully in future programs. We will see much of Vynn Boyar in the coming months as our members use his methods, themselves.