

# 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: Mystery Theme

**R**ay Lorenzo is this month's theme captain. The theme itself was unavailable at press time, so drop in and find out what Ray has in store for us. Unravel the mystery on **October 14**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

## Minutes of September Meeting

9 September 2013 7:35 PM

22 members attending  
1 guest

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.  
Sec. Rpt. Accepted as published.  
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.

Old Business: Some shirts were collected for embroidery.

New Business: October contains National Magic Week. Dan and **Angelo Chirico** did a show for Probus. Dan would like the club to perform a public show to raise funds. Get to him with ideas. He also tried to drum up interest in coffee mugs with our logo.

There was a discussion about future auctions.  
Good&Welfare: **David Oliver** is home and doing well. Dan attended Cape Cod Magic Fest and worked backstage and raised \$403 in wristband sales. The total so far: \$21,933. (There are only 200 bands left.)

**Dave Edwards**, Sr., is still in rehabilitation.  
**Dick Matt's** wife passed last week.  
**Steve Wronker** related a story of a crazy USDA regulation affecting magicians who use livestock. You can read more about it [here](#).

## When Last We Met



Jon Cap's rising business card.

Jon Cap went to Magic Live and brought back a notebook that was given out to attendees with all the lecture notes in it.  
Adjourned 8:00 PM

The theme this month was Handing Out Your Business Card, hosted by **Roger Cisowski**.

Dan performed a version of Out To Lunch using business cards.

Roger then produced his b-card from between a \$1 and \$10 bill.

Our Assembly Dean **Bob Killian** told a story regarding numerology—how the numbers seven and eleven are regarded as lucky, while the number thirteen is associated with ill fortune. He capped off the story with some predictions about a number chosen at random by the group and calculations involving the numbers 7, 11, and 13. Bob revealed that this trick was taught to him by **Fitch Cheney** many years ago. Bob then showed seven business cards and did a counting trick.

**Jon Cap** showed us a packet of his b-cards, and one mysteriously rose from the middle.

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**Jason Abate** had **Dave Garrity** select a card and write its name on a b-card. Jason's prediction was inside a stapled "envelope." (Correct, of course.)

**Soll Levine** demonstrated a Z-fold wallet to produce a b-card.

**Steve Wronker** showed us his technique of using a Hember wallet to produce not only a b-card, but a "million-dollar" bill which had his contact information on the reverse.

Dan showed us the "Card Now" iPhone app that "prints" b-cards, with appropriate sound effects.

Jon then showed us how to get the same effect (minus the sound) with just the normal photo-viewer on your smartphone.

It's been 10 months since Bill and I created COMEDY MAGIC MONTHLY, Connecticut's only monthly magic show and we'd like to thank you for your support. Past performers have included from NYC Peter Samelson, Ali Shelley, the "magic guys" from Boston, *America's Got Talent* finalist Eric Dittleman and local performers as well.

The October 29th performers include David Garrity (direct from Six Flags New England) Jen Kramer (president of the Yale Magic Society), Jim Sisti (author of *The Magic Menu* and house magician at Quassy Amusement Park) and Pete Haddad (direct from scenic, historic downtown Willimantic!!)

So, for a GREAT night of magic, comedy and the best pizza and beer that New Haven has to offer please consider stopping by. More information can be found on our website: [www.comedymagicmonthly.com](http://www.comedymagicmonthly.com)

Magically yours,  
Dan Sclare  
CCMA President/Historian

## From The President's Hat

I'm looking forward to seeing Rachel and Aldo on the 11th. It is very kind of them to support our friend David. Please plan to attend their lecture. If you can not make it on the 11th they will be in Wallingford on the 15th. Please support them.

I have picked up the shirts with the CCMA logo. They look fantastic. Thank you to the members who ordered them. If you would like one, please bring in a shirt tagged with your name and \$12 to our next meeting. Show your CCMA pride!

Still looking for bios from some of you. Please take a few minutes and type one out. As your historian I would like to add yours to our historical collection.

How about sharing some of your magical skills with the rest of our members. Do you have a special skill or interest that you can teach or share with us?

Some members at the last meeting brought up the idea of an auction, tag sale or a public show to raise money for or club. How about volunteering to organize one?

Do you have a favorite magic websites you go to? Send Dana an email so he can include them in our news letter.

I attended **COMEDY MAGIC MONTHLY** on the 24th. There were a few CCMA members there. It was very entertaining. We all had a great time. Ali Shelly was great. She has a unique act as a flight attendant. She is one in her non-magical life. Plan on attending the next on Oct 29th.

*[Here's Jim Spinnato to tell you more:]*

## Blast From The Past The Sphinx — June 1933

### Notes of Hartford Magi

By J. Edmund Rae

Magic in this locality is yelling to be heard, what with exposed Bird Cages and Razor Blades grating on our nerves—well, we just had to be heard. So all the boys in Hartford, both of the Order of Robert-Houdin and Assembly No. 21 of the Society of American Magicians, got together for one grand Visitors' Night—and what a night it was. As a feature of the performance, we presented Professor Augustus Potzwiggle Kemel, whose prolific features adorn every newspaper, magazine, and in fact any publication that will take it, in the gigantic "school of magic" which the — Tobacco Company is sponsoring. Professor Kemel honored us in presenting the "Dromedary Hour," the illusions for which were taken from his vast repertoire which he exhibits for publica-

tion. Professor Kemel opened with a little number known as "The Burning Oven" wherein he attempted to withstand the raging fire while he cooked a huge steak. After a breathless wait, the Prof. emerged from the oven triumphant—eating a hot dog and roll. He included next his famous "Thumb Tie" as well as "Walking on the Ceiling," and finally concluded with a ludicrous bit of "Sawing a Woman in Half." Being totally unable to get a woman to submit to the latter ordeal, he hoodwinked the Master of Ceremonies for the purpose (your humble correspondent was Master of Ceremonies). The victim protested violently to such an outrage, but his vitals were finally separated by the aid of a cross-cut saw. Professor Kemel then explained that his school suggested the use of two people, whereas he didn't need anyone. The sides of the boxes were made of paper, and when broken revealed that the unfortunate victim had been spirited away. (Was my face red???)

The "Dromedary Hour" was presented featuring Ernest K. Schieldge, retiring President of Assembly No. 21, as Prof. Kemel. A. Everett Austin, Jr., and W. T. Noel Preston took the part of two mischief makers, concealed behind two huge cigarettes. They finally came out into the open and revealed what dexterity they really possessed, causing many strange things to happen with "Dromedary" cigarettes.

In addition to the program mentioned above, the following performers contributed to the success of the evening by their presentations: Jesse G. Webster, Card manipulations; Harry Bernard, Aw, how does he do those rings?; Walter A. Schwartz, This talkative gentleman sure knows his cards; W. D.

Gruet, Presenting his feature rope mystery; Ping, Ming and Sing, Chinese magic, two illusions, presented quickly and artistically; Clevadore, the self-extricator supreme. Is there no limit to this man's ability?; J. Edmund Rae, a rope trick, and some card magic—well, I liked it!; Ernest K. Schieldge, Novelties, well presented and well received.

In addition we were entertained by Mrs. Schieldge vocally, and by Bill Baker, and his accordion.

The entire apparatus for the burlesquing of the recent exposures was constructed at a minimum cost. A big crowd attended this gathering, and we believe a good time was had by all.

It was extremely gratifying to learn of the appearance here of The Great Noel Lester. Mr. Lester's ability as a conjurer and illusionist is quite comparable with any we have ever seen in this city, and he is most certainly a fine chap to speak with. Having traveled all the previous night, and finished four shows, he was not too tired to see the bunch of us who trundled back-stage at the Cameo Theater to extend congratulations to one fine magician. Thanks a lot, Noel, we are only sorry that an act as good as yours does not hit us oftener. Au 'voir, all!

### Future Theme Captains

November	Henry Andrzejcyk	March	Brian Scully
		April	Kevin Aust
January 2014	Jon Cap	May	Walt Umberfield
February	David Margolin	June	Robert Teraila