

# 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)

## November Meeting: Show and Tell

This month, theme captain **Henry Andrzejczyk** asks everyone to bring in a trick you can teach to the group. Sort of like a mini-lecture. Spread the knowledge on **November 11**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

## Minutes of October Meeting

14 October 2013 7:35 PM

16 members attending

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

Old Business: Newly-embroidered shirts were returned, along with a call from Dan for more members to take advantage of this offer. Only \$12! New Business: **John Reid** has a lecture available. He's the guy that bought Dave Cresey's business. The lecture committee will look into it.

The SAM contingent assigned the National Secretary as its proxy for the next National Council meeting.

Good&Welfare: Dan attended the Colombini lecture in Ludlow, MA, last Friday. \$290 was collected at the door, which was all donated to **David Oliver**. Dan also got another \$30 in wristband sales. David was able to attend a convention in New Jersey this past weekend. David had a good time and is doing better, but tired.

**Dave Garrity** says hello!

Adjourned 7:51 PM

## When Last We Met



**Charlie Hayden** in mid-routine.

Tonight's theme was "Card Stuff," hosted by **Ray Lorenzo**.

**Norm St. Laurent** performed a monte-like routine using four jumbo cards.

**Rick St. Pierre** told a story about the strange idiosyncrasies of language and illustrated it by using two decks of cards. Norm selected a card from the blue deck, and Rick revealed that the red case contained only one card--a match to Norm's chosen card.

**Jason Abate** gave **Jon Cap** an envelope to examine. When Jon was satisfied, Jason put the envelope in his pocket. Jon then chose a card and signed it, put it in the deck. In an instant, the deck changed into the envelope, which contained Jon's card.

**Charlie Hayden** performed an entire routine for us. He tore a napkin and gave half to **Chris White**. Charlie challenged Chris to roll his half into a smaller ball than his. Of course Charlie's proved smaller, before it disappeared completely. He burned the center of another napkin, but when

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**Linda Granger** touched it, the napkin was restored. Charlie then took a straw from its wrapper, tore the wrapper and rolled it into a ball. After a "magical pass," the wrapper was restored. He performed the "coin through table" gag with the salt-shaker and napkin covering. This naturally led into the salt-vanish-into-fist followed by the salt-pour. Charlie then magnanimously taught us all the complete routine.

## Theme Captains of 2014

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

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## From The President's Hat

We had a great Halloween at our home. Hope you did too. We had more kids than ever. Patty had to make an emergency candy run.

I have gotten lots of compliments on my CCMA logo shirts. I'm still waiting on the guys that have not ordered on to get on board and bring in a shirt and order a logo.

Here are a few magic websites I look at:  
Alan Watson's weekly newsletter Magic New Zealand  
[www.magicnewzealand.com](http://www.magicnewzealand.com)

Magicaean World Magic News  
<http://www.magicaean.com>

Daily Magic News, Articles and Reviews from Around the World  
<http://www.vanishlive.com>

You can also download their free e-magazines. They are up to issue #10.

S.A.M.ers do you subscribe to SAMtalk?  
Does the I.B.M. have an online presence?  
Let Dana know of the magic websites you like, to share them with our members.  
See you at the meeting.

Magically yours,  
Dan Sclare  
CCMA President/Historian

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## Blast From The Past

On the following page:

A copy of an invitation to the 1953 New England Magicians Convention, along with a roster of the Committee Chairmen.

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## WELCOME MAGICIANS . . . .

Assembly No. 21, Society of American Magicians  
and the  
Order of Robert Houdin

extend a most cordial welcome to all magicians  
and guests to the 16th Annual New England  
Magicians Convention, 1953

May your visit to Hartford be exceptionally pleasant  
and overflowing with the enjoyable mysteries of our  
ancient and beloved art—may your memories of this  
mystic occasion be pleasant and enduring.

The joint efforts of all committee chairmen have  
produced an outstanding convention for you, com-  
bining mirth, magic and mystery. We express our  
sincere thanks to all clubs which supported our  
souvenir program with advertising and their frater-  
nal assistance is deeply appreciated. We also  
wish to thank all individual committee members for  
their loyal service, which has helped to make this  
convention possible.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

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