

# 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)

## April Meeting: Money Magic

Assuming you have any left after your dealings with the IRS, money is the theme for this month. Fiscal captain **Peter Lennis** requests your contribution. We meet again on **April 13**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

## Minutes of March Meeting

9 March 2015 7:13 PM

Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding

19 members  
attending  
3 guests

Secretary's minutes accepted and published.

Treasurer's report submitted.

Old Business: A lecture by **Daryl** is available, but we'd have to change our meeting date. It was moved and passed that we move the date and hire him. We then found that the restaurant is unavailable on the date. It was moved and passed to authorize the President to find a suitable replacement. [See page two.]

**Jason Abate** shared the tentative details of an auction/tag sale to be held in June. A motion was made to move the event to the Fall. Motion carried. New Business: It was moved and passed to take a 1/2-page ad honoring **Ray Goulet** to appear in the convention program book this July.

There is a movement afoot to honor **David Oliver** with a Life Membership, with donations coming in, mostly from the parents of his SYMers. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contribute to this cause.

Good and Welfare: **Dave Garrity** is CT Magic Monthly in New Haven on March 31.

Adjourned 7:45 PM

## When Last We Met



**Bob Hale** chimes in.

The theme for the night was Mental Magic (but you knew that, right?)

**Dan** started us off with a clock routine. We all thought of an hour and counted and spelled around the copies of a clock face he passed around. When we were finished counting, we were all pointing at the same hour.

**Bob Killian** borrowed a packet of twelve cards from a volunteer's deck to do a Jim Steinmeyer trick.

**Bob Hale** showed us a cousin of the "Indian Rope Trick" from Burma. It was a wooden rod from a old temple having five bells hanging from five ropes, headed by a colored bead. One of the colors was selected, and through sheer concentration, the bell on that color's rope began to swing. A different color was chosen and that new bell started to swing while the original bell slowed to a stop. The effect was repeated with a third bell.

**Jason** got two volunteers up and borrowed a deck. The deck was cut and a section of a section was selected. Dan took some cards, and Norm took some others. Norm chose a card based on the number of cards he had. Dan chose a number based on his cards. Norm's card was found at Dan's number.

**Tom Gentile** had a number selected from a rolled die and showed that he had correctly predicted that number. (Unless you were there,

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## From The President's Hat

More and more magic, that's me! Can someone OD on magic? I subscribe to the M.U.M., Genii and Magic magazine. They all have digital presences. This means that besides reading, there are videos to watch. I also get to read older issues of The Linking Ring magazine that some I.B.M. friends pass down to me. Then there is all the magic on the internet. Plus, I also subscribe to Reel Magic. There is also a lot of magic on TV. Thanks to the DVR I do not miss much. Where do you get your magic fix from? Please share some of your favorite magic sites with Dana so they can be placed in our newsletter for others to enjoy.

I'm looking forward to our two upcoming lectures: Daryl on May 7th and Gregory Wilson on Oct 13th. These are not our regular meeting nights. Please save these dates and stand by for further information.

See you at the meeting!

Magically yours,

Dan Sclare  
CCMA President/Historian

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## Message From The National Secretary

Father Cyp is having some health issues. It's difficult for him to talk on the phone, but I'm sure he would enjoy cards or letters from his magic friends.

He is in a rehab facility. You can mail your wishes to

Fr. Cyprian Murray  
Holy Name Friary  
2 Morris Rd.  
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

Please keep Fr. Cyp in your prayers.

Marlene Clark

## March Minutes, continued

you missed the joke!) He followed that with some thought transference by having one card selected, then letting someone else name it--correctly, of course. He closed with a quick Princess card trick.

**Kevin Aust** had our guest, Rodney, put a secret name on a business card, then folded it and held it in his hand. Kevin had some trouble getting the name, so he tried for just the initials. Rodney gripped Kevin's wrist tightly, and the initials appeared in red marks left on Kevin's wrist.

**Dave Garrity** performed a book test with mystery and great humor.

**Steve Wronker** told a story of his grandfather and the "fallacy of free choice," then showed a collection of postcards and some foreign coins from his grandfather's travels. A few of those coins were used to select a subset of the postcards. There were numbers on the back of the selected postcards, and their sum was determined. That sum appeared on each of the coins that were chosen to mark the cards!

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## Notice of Meeting Location Change

In order to have a lecture by **Daryl**, we have to move our meeting location for May to:

705 North Mountain Rd.  
Newington, CT

Remember, this is only for May. In June, we will be back at Angelo's fine establishment enjoying his excellent cuisine.

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## Shameless Plug Department

Upcoming public shows by our members

**David Garrity**

at Comedy Magic Monthly  
BAR • 234 Crown Street • New Haven CT  
Tuesday, April 28 at 8PM  
[www.barnightclub.com](http://www.barnightclub.com)

Do you have an upcoming public show? Send the details to [mordecai@sam21.org](mailto:mordecai@sam21.org) and it will appear here.

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## A Letter From Most Illustrious McDonald

Greetings S.A.M. Family Members,

Many of you know me, and for those few who don't, I am Kenrick ICE McDonald, the National President of our wonderful organization. Throughout my presidency, my goal has been to celebrate our members. In fact the theme for my Presidency is "The Year of Member", Celebrating Our Members. The more involved I got with the Society, the more I began to see us as a group of family members, a bunch of brothers, sisters, aunt, uncles and play cousins, even our convention is more like a family reunion, come to our National Convention in Philadelphia and you will see what I mean.

Many organizations including the Society are being hit by the economy and the high price of doing business, Organizations and stores are passing the high cost of operation on to their members and/or customers; I don't want to do that to our members.

I have a proposal; we can get through this if we all pull together. I would like to ask each member of the Society, to give a onetime \$10.00 donation to our organization, to help us

beat this economy (you can give more if you like.) As a non-profit organization, we have a General Donation button on our website [www.magicsam.com](http://www.magicsam.com). Go to the website, on the top it will say "*Who is the S.A.M.?*", on that dropdown menu it will show "*Make a Donation*" Click that link, you will then see "*General Donation*", Click that link and proceed. There are several ways to donate, PayPal, Credit Card or you can send a check or money order to our headquarters in Littleton, CO.

S.A.M.  
4927 S. Oak Ct  
Littleton, CO 80137

To be honest and transparent, I struggled with myself on whether or not to send this letter to the membership. But during my mental wrestling match, I remember reading a Bible verse that said "You Have Not, Because You Ask Not." Well, I'm asking.

Blessings and Godspeed

MI Kenrick ICE McDonald  
National President,  
The Society of American Magicians

### Theme Captains

The following is a reminder of the Theme and Captain assignments for the remainder of the '14-'15 year.

	Captain	Theme	
Apr.	Peter Lennis	Tax Time	Present an effect involving money
May	(none)	Lecture	Daryl, on a special date and location
Jun.	Brian Scully	Days of Yore	Perform a trick you have been doing for a long time or no longer do

(If any of the listed Captains have a conflict with the month that has been assigned, they are to contact one of the other captains and arrange a swap of months.)

More complete details of the Theme Captain Program were published in the July 2014 issue.

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