

# 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)

## January Meeting: Impromptu Magic

We've all had it happen to us. We're introduced to someone, somewhere, and it's revealed we are a magician. It's a sure bet that that someone will say, "Show me a trick!" You've got no props, no feke cards, no gimmicked coins. Well, what are you gonna show 'em? Show us on **January 9**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

## Minutes of November Meeting

14 November 2016 7:04 PM  
Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding 13 members attending  
Secretary's minutes accepted as published.

Treasurer's report submitted.  
Old Business and other announcements:  
**David Blaine** was on Jimmy Fallon's show last week.

**Eric Jones** lectured in Ludlow, MA, last Friday. Among the tricks he showed was one that Blaine did on his show.

OMI and NEMCON are coming up soon. NEMCON will feature Michael Finney.

MI Dan re-iterated NP **Jeff Sikora's** edict to "Just Get One," and suggested that all of us try to "just get one" new member for CCMA. Our guest tonight, Brad Beady, is joining our group.

Earlier this month Dan, along with **Dana Ring** and **Sandy Rhoades**, performed some magic for the Hartford Boy Scouts. Dan met with some Scout leaders afterwards and reports that we might get a public show out of it. (Cross your fingers.)

The New London assembly recently had a close-up and stage competition. **Jon Cap** won the close-up contest, and will perform at NEMCON.

Last month's lecturer **Bob Little** stayed with **Bob Hale** after the lecture. Bob (H) reports that Bob (L) was quite the character.

SAMCON is this weekend with **Cody Fisher** and

## When Last We Met



Dan Sclare's Instant Art props.

others, in Danvers, MA.

**Harrison Greenbaum** will headline at Comedy Magic Monthly this month in New Haven on the 29th. **Dave Garrity** is also on the bill.

Aforementioned **Bob Little** donated a lot of items to the club. Dan set up a raffle for them and got a few more dollars for the club's treasury.

**Walt Umberfield** is retiring from magic (but not from us!!) and gave a ton of stuff to Dan, who is sorting it out and will get **Dave Haversat** to evaluate it all.

Assembly #17's annual banquet is on February 11 this year.

Adjourned at 7:46PM

The theme tonight was Holiday Magic, the actual holiday being up to the performer.

**Dan Sclare** went first showing his black-and-white Instant Art pictures which became colored when removed from the frame. When Dan worked in the school system, one of the art teachers drew the pictures for him. Dan also had a folder with a picture of Rudolph, whose nose lights up!

Tom Gentile had a Holiday Hat Bag. It changed from all-black to Santa's hat to a birthday hat to large bunny ears. He also showed us a change bag

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## From The President's Hat

First of all I want to wish all of you a safe, healthy and magical new year!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. I'm happy to report that Charlie Hayden and I - volunteered to perform magic at two shelters in Hartford. It was a very rewarding experience. It is something that you should consider doing and you do not have to wait until next Christmas.

I'm not one to make New Year's Resolutions, but I am asking you to make one to be a more active member of CCMA. Do more than just pay your dues.

We are looking for ideas for lectures for this year. Please let me know if you have any ideas or if you would like to give a mini-lecture. We do have a lecture planned for this coming August.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting with some Impromptu Magic.

If you do not have your picture on our website or want to update yours, Steve or Dana will take your picture at our meeting.

Help make 2017 a great year for magic and CCMA!



Part of Dan's performance at the Opening Ceremony.



Dana Ring gets a spectator to deal out the cards himself...

## Photos from the Hartford Scouts at the West Indian Social Club, November 5, 2016



Dan's backdrop for the outing, featuring a plethora of magicians of color.



...and gets a King on top of each packet.

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## More Scout photos



Dan teaches the Jumping Rubber Bands to a scout leader,



who gives a great reaction to the finale of **Sandy Rhoades'** sponge rabbits.

## Minutes, continued

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that turned three solid-color silks into a large "Happy Holidays" silk.

**Bob Hale** showed us a "paint shield" and a "paint can" that produced several colored silks and a long colored streamer. He then took out an envelope and had three spectators shuffle a packet of number cards and used them to create three random 3-digit numbers. When the numbers were added, their sum matched the number in Bob's envelope.

**Marlene Clark** told a story she tells kids about Christmas time wherein red and white silks become candy canes.

**Angelo Chirico** did a card trick in which the image of a

chosen card shows up on his wrist. Our newest member, **Bradley Beady** displayed two card boxes and a cardboard figure of a small tree. A card was named, which proved to be missing from one the decks of cards. The other card box contained--the tree! Plus, a card folded in quarters. When unwrapped, it was the named card.

## Themes for 2017

	Theme name	description
Jan.	Show Me a Trick	Impromptu Magic
Feb.	Rope-a-Dope	Tricks using rope, string, cord or chain
March	Works in Progress	Perform something or ask questions or advice on something you are working on
April	Mail Call	Magic with an envelope, box or any kind of package
May	Shop Notes	Perform an effect for which you made some or all of the props

Thanks to Rick St. Pierre for compiling this table.

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