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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: Bilocation

The theme for November's meeting is transposition. Something that was *here* is now *there*. Or maybe it's in both places at the same time! Make sure your place is with us on **November 13 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

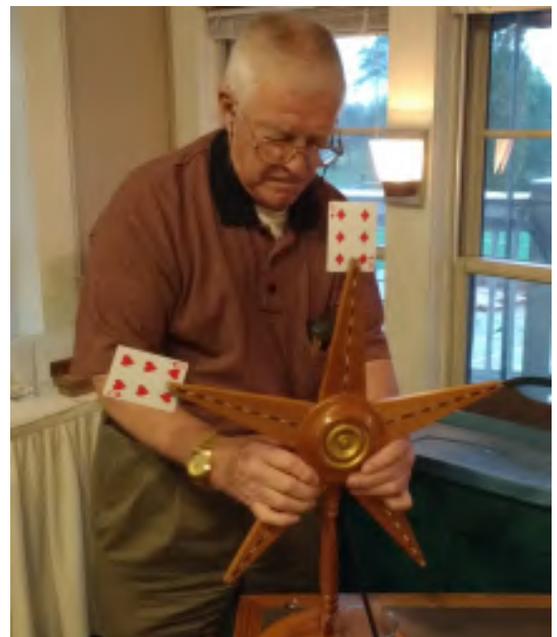
Minutes of October Meeting

9 October 2017 7:08 PM
Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding.
Secretary's report approved as published.
Treasurer's report postponed.
Good&Welf.: **Ray Goulet** passed away this weekend. The club help a moment of silence in his memory.
Charlie Hayden suffered a heart attack last month. He is now home and doing well.
Michael Carbonaro is at Foxwoods October 21.
Jason Bishop is at Jorgensen October 28.

Adjourned: 7:10 PM.

Tony Karpinski took center stage to display his amazing woodwork. In addition to displaying his creations, he told many stories: about his starting magic in 6th grade (and dropping it in high school); about his working with **Hank Lee**; the evolution of the Copenetro and the wand-and-wand-case; and his progression with Dye Boxes. His demonstrated, and described his work with, the Flexible Mirror, the {*} Box, and his version of the

When Last We Met



Tony Karpinski sets up a card star.

drop-model box. He displayed his Card Star, and told a great story about how he once tried it with coins and five people nearly died! Everybody present was given a 3-inch metal wand in a gorgeous wooden case.

(The {*} Box: the traditional name of this effect is now considered a racial slur. Let's just say it rhymes with something a baseball player would wear on his head.)

From The President's Hat

Hope everyone had a great Halloween. It was a fun night at the Sclare house. "Tricks Not Treats" was the theme here. Angelo and I performed magic. We had a human-sized bunny handing out the tricks and treats. Yes, there were still treats. My daughter's very talented boyfriend and 7 year old son were in Scarecrow costumes and fooled and startled many of our visitors.

There was also a scary video playing in my front window and a hologram effect in my breezeway that our guests found fascinating.

I had the pleasure of seeing Jason Bishop at UCONN on the 28th. I found him very entertaining. Rich Gilbert, Tom Piekos and Cal Vinick were also there. Jason did a variety of magic, grand illusion, manipulation and close-up. He will be in NY City the month of December.

I am on the Board of Trustees for the Ellington Library. I was asked to help produce a video as a contest to win a training grant. We used transformation magic as our theme. Thank you to David Oliver, Rich Gilbert and Marlene Clark for some of their ideas. We will find out if we are one of the grant winners by Nov. 17th. I will try to share the video with you at our meeting.

Sad news: there will be no O.M.I. this coming year. The Steelgraves could not come to an agreement with the new management of the Red Jacket Inn.

Most of you know that Angelo is retiring to South Carolina in December. I hope the new owners will let us still meet at the restaurant. Angelo will put in a good word for us to the new owners. Please thank him for his generosity and hospitality. Angelo, we wish you a happy and magical retirement!

Okay, keep this part a secret from Angelo! (He will not see this in his copy of our newsletter or email.)—

We will be honoring Angelo with a gift and a S.A.M. Presidential Citation at our November meeting. Angelo has been a generous host to our club for 11 years. He has been a friend to all of us fellow magi. He has a true love of magic. Please plan on attending to wish him well, on his well-deserved retirement.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our meeting.

Dan Sclare
President and historian



Dan and scary company.

More Karpinski Photos



Tony shows a Copenetro to **Angelo Chirico** and **Dan Sclare**.

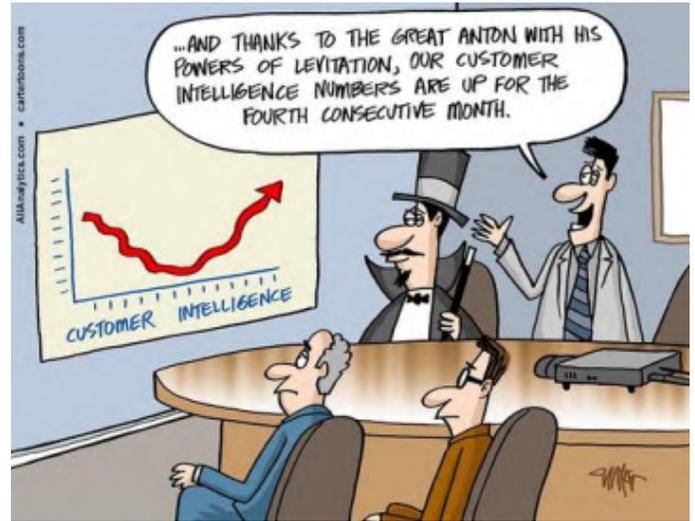


More of Tony's crafting.

Magic Cartoons

Magic By The Numbers: 91

That's the number of minutes that **Harry Houdini** spent underwater in a sealed coffin in New York's Hotel Shelton swimming pool on August 5, 1926. The weighted casket was airtight, and it had only enough oxygen for three to four minutes. Houdini aimed to best the one-hour record of magician Rahman Bey (nailed it!), but he also saw practical applications for his stunt. Hours after his success, Houdini detailed the experience in a three-page letter to W. J. McConnell, a medical doctor in Philadelphia who did research for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. Houdini included temperature recordings (it was a balmy 80 degrees in his tomb) for McConnell, who later studied the survival techniques of trapped miners. Pretty magical, indeed.



Themes coming up in 2018

	Theme name	description
Jan.	Turn Back Time	Do an effect with time as a theme
Feb.	Days of yore	Perform a trick you learned in your beginning years of magic interest
March	Mental Miracle	Mentalism effects
April	Money Magic	Use any type of money in the effect
May	Sunny with a chance of shadows	Perform something with a bizarre theme

Thanks to Rick St. Pierre for compiling the original table.

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