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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)

May Meeting: Sunny With A Chance Of Shadows

Back to the murky depths of the Scclare Cellar! This month, we go bizarre. Something scary, something eerie, or maybe just something a bit odd. It's Halloween in May this month. One last time (we hope) we're at 13 Farmstead Lane, Ellington, CT., on **May 14 at 7PM**. Dan is on food patrol again, refer to his *Hat* on page three.

Minutes of April Meeting

9 April 2018 7:07 PM

Pres. **Dan Scclare** presiding.
Secretary's report approved as published.
Treasurer's report submitted.
Old Business: No new restaurant news, other than they are behind schedule. [*Possible Memorial Day opening.*] The Lost Acres show in on for April 29; tickets sold so far: 2! [*Show has sold out!*]
New Business: none this month
Announcements: **Marlene Clark** talked about "The SYMbol," the online magazine for SYMers. She asked for suggestions, articles, suggestions for articles, to be sent to her [afuntime@comcast.net]. There followed a discussion on how to catch and hold the attention of the young for our craft.
On June 3, **Rich Dooley** will lead many magi for this year's children's outing for cancer survivors.
On June 21, Assembly 17 (which will be 100 years old in 2022) holds its Summer Sizzler, \$20.
We acknowledged **Norm St. Laurent's** ten-year membership in SAM.
Jon Cap asked for feedback regarding this year's NEMCON.

Adjourned: 8:27 PM

When Last We Met



Norm St. Laurent does money through money.

Tonight's Theme: Money!

Norm St. Laurent performed a transposition of a one- and ten-dollar bill. He also used a plastic change purse to swap a stack of dimes and nickels. In his hands, a \$1 and \$5 bill went "through" each other and then became two fives. Finally, a handful of ones became a handful of c-notes.

Tom Gentile displayed commemorative coins of **Harry Blackstone Sr. and Jr.**, that he had helped get made, as well as some other collectable coins and coin boxes.

Our guest for the evening, **Eric Wolf** convinced **Dan Scclare** that two ones were a one and a twenty.

Marlene Clark showed our guest "The Money

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Kozmo Lecture

Ted Brainard is the creator of Kozmo Magic, which is recognized as one of today's premier magic video production companies. His "Reel Magic Magazine" continues to be the benchmark in the video magic industry. Ted's alter ego, Kozmo, is acknowledged to be one of the top street performers in the world today. Kozmo performed at the 2015 FISM Gala Close-Up Show in Rimini, Italy and headlined at the Magic Castle to several standing ovations!

Kozmo will begin his lecture with a performance of his professional street act. This is a treat in and of itself. Kozmo will proceed to explain each effect in his street act. Kozmo pushes the envelope by teaching you why he has chosen each effect and why he has placed each effect where it is in his act.

You will hear Kozmo talk about conditions on the street. He will give you his thoughts on how to make your "hats" bigger. You will laugh at some of the anecdotes you will hear, including a great story about Harry Anderson. Kozmo will show you how the principles of performing in the street can also be applied to the restaurant magic venue as well as the trade-show floor. You may well jump for joy, as there is ONLY ONE card trick in the lecture. To some of you this may be your motivation to attend the lecture.

Tom Prete SAM Assembly #127
Red Lion Hotel Cromwell (NEMCON Hotel)

100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT
 Look for the signs (**Jersey Room**)

Lecture is Wednesday - May 2nd at 7:00pm
Free... SAM #127 & CCMA members — Others \$10.00 pp...

From The President's Hat

It is Friday afternoon before our public show. I'm thrilled that it is a sell out! It should be a great evening. Dana, Brad, Jason, Jon and I are going to do Walk-around from 6-7:00. Barry, Bob, Brad, David, Jon and Rick are our Stage Magi. Barry Moran is not presently a member, but this is his second year of helping our Club. I'll be the MC. This is our third year at Lost Acres Vineyard.

Attended Assembly 127's Mark Leveridge lecture. It was very entertaining, and I came away with a new ring on string move.

Tonight, I am off to the Lyman Center to see America Has Magic, with DEREK HUGHES, THE EVASONS, Rob ZABRECKY and MAC KING. This should be a great show. I'm looking forward to meeting them after the show.

Dana and I have stopped off at the restaurant and met the new owner. It will be at least another month before it is ready. This means that our May meeting will be at my home again. If the weather cooperates to be Spring, we can be outside on the patio. I'll order pizza or grill something, so I'll need people to RSVP by Friday the 11th. Bring magic to share and a snack or dessert.

Patty and I are off to visit Washington, DC the first week in May. Maybe I'll stumble across a magic shop. I would like to visit the Library of Congress and see their collection of magic books and posters. Hope I have a lot to share about our trip at the meeting.

SAM127 & CCMA and will be hosting Kozmo for a lecture on May 2, at 7:00pm. It will be at the Cromwell Red Lion Hotel (NEMCON Hotel) in the Jersey Room. Kozmo will begin his lecture with a performance of his professional street act. This is a treat in and of itself. Kozmo will proceed to explain each effect in his street act. Kozmo pushes the envelope by teaching you why he has chosen each effect and why he has placed each effect where it is in his act. Cost is \$10.00 for people not in SAM127 or CCMA.

And once again, how about some of you CCMA members write something or share something in our newsletter???

Enjoy the nice weather and see you at the meeting.

— Dan Sclare

Themes Like Old Times

The themes for the 2017-2018 "year" have completed their cycle. Watch for compeer **Rick St. Pierre's** newest list, coming this summer. Speaking of summer, the June and July meetings (which we hope will be back in our usual restaurant location) will be laid-back affairs with *any* effect or routine welcome. Enjoy the warm weather with good friends.

Minutes, continued

Game," which is a plastic container that, even though closed, enables you to know whether it contains a penny, nickel, or dime.

Dana Ring performed "Bewildered" with his own patter to make a stack of quarters appear, change places, penetrate a brass lid, and vanish entirely.

Brad Beady borrowed a buck and turned it into a twenty! Dan showed us a bill that had a quarter printed on it. However, he pulled the printed quarter off the bill and it became real! He also showed off his new Rabbit-Wringer (he used a Rocky Raccoon), which he got recently at a bargain price, so the trick represents all the money he saved! He ended by demo-ing his Miser's Dream.

Roger Cisowski demonstrated a change purse that instantly converts a bill to four quarters.

Jon Cap did a bill switch in which the bill starts blank and gradually becomes a twenty, followed by a switch from a regular \$1 to a mis-made.

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