

Mordecai's Journal



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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

October Meeting: A Chance of Shadows

The days grow shorter, the weather grows cooler, and the growing darkness comes earlier. **Eric Wolfe** captains the month's theme of "Sunny with a chance of shadows." We're asking for an effect that brings a chill to the spine. Bring your bizarre magic to the magic bazaar on **October 14 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of September Meeting

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14 members attending
1 guest

MI Brad Beady presiding.
Secretary's report accepted as published.

Treasurer's report received.

Announcements: **John Carey** will lecture on Oct. 3 at the Red Lion Inn in Cromwell at 7PM.

Michael Klok will lecture on Oct. 28, same place, same time. Both lectures are sponsored in conjunction with the Wallingford assembly. Free to paid-up members of either club.

There will be yet another lecture at the Red Lion, on Dec. 17, this time featuring Juan Luis Rubiales, a coin and card magician out of Spain.

Scott Alexander lectures for the New London assembly on Nov. 18.

NEMCON will be in March 2020—more details in November.

"Wishes on Wheels" is this weekend. **Dave Garrity** and **Dana Ring** did walkaround last year at Rentschler Field and they are looking for performers this year. (D & D are unavailable this time.)

The following weekend, **Dan Sclare**, Dana, and **Tom Gentile** will be manning a booth for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation event at the same location.

When Last We Met



Bob Hale shakes the dice cup.

Marlene Clark is looking for SYM-performers for the Las Vegas Convention in January.

Chipper Lowell will be at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford, MA, on December 8.

The ICBM Gathering is Nov. 14-16 in Southbury, CT.

Old Bus.: none this month

New Bus.: We voted in new member **Matt Martin**.

Gd & Welf.: The club acknowledged **Cal Vinick's** 65years of membership with the SAM.

Walt UMBERFIELD is hanging in; he thanks all those who sent birthday cards.

Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Tonight's theme was "My Favorite Magician" captained by MI **Brad Beady**.

Dave Garrity's fave is **Jim Steinmeyer**. He showed us a comedy routine dealing with light mentalism—"I know what you're thinking!"

Brad chose **Chris Kenner**. He performed Chris's Three Fly.

Dan Scclare had two: **Slydini** and **Doug Henning**. Dan shared a story of meeting Tony Slydini for the first time.

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Minutes, continued

Brad, continuing his Kenner routines, did one using different-colored rubber bands.

Dave returned to show several music boxes with tags attached. He removed the tags and had a box chosen. He also had a tag chosen. When the chosen box was cranked, the tune written on the tag gently played for all.

Bob Hale brought in some Chinese Sticks that once belonged to **Bill Smyth**, and performed some dice-stacking that was taught to him by **Jim Zachary**.

Brad did some quick card flourishes.

Rick St. Pierre chose **William Greenough** and showed a set of *his* Chinese Sticks that were made by **Silent Mora** and **Harry Anderson**. Rick performed a quick "swindle."

Newcomer **Matt Martin** showed us a trick that is a way to use a two-card move to do a force. He also did a trick from his Pirate routine, and showed us a great switch.

Marlene Clark admires **Penn & Teller**. She showed a necktie that **Teller** autographed. She also had a bowtie the belonged to **Ed Thomas**.

Eric Wolfe told a story about **John Archer**, whom he met at his first magic convention.

Ed Cook told a story of how **Doug Henning** once did a trick just for him.

Segueing nicely, Dan returned to show many items from his

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Dave Haversat wrote a book about this company.

Her father wrote two booklets, CIGAM 1931, "Conjuring, Illusions, Gimmicks, Art, Mystery" are covered in this book's pages along with biographies of many famous magicians along with some of their favorite effects. And the GIMICK 1933, a total of 38 practical tricks is presented in this booklet. Not all effects are Walter's own, but many are. You can find quite a number of mentalism pieces, some card tricks, even a rabbit production is described. He also wrote for many magazines among them The Sphinx.

Her father sold his handcuff collection to Houdini. (Ann wrote an article about this for MCA.) He was the editor of the MUM 1927-1941.

This is a picture of Walter and Louis:

Ann's godfather was **Bassett Mordecai**, our former Dean



Assembly #21 History: Ann Myrece James

This article came in from **Dan Sclare** last month:

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She sent a birthday card to **Walt**. Said she remembered him from some function she attended in the 60's. She might have performed. Her father was the MC.

When she was a young girl she did magic as she tap-danced.

Later she just did magic.

I contacted her on Facebook. She now lives in Clearwater Fla. She does not get out much because she must take care of her husband.

She does teach a course in genealogy at a local college. Ann belongs to MCA and NEMCA. She has written articles for both groups.

Her father was **Walter Schwartz**. He was the first president of SAM 21.

Her grandfather **Louis Schwartz** and his three sons, **Louis Jr.**, **Harold** and **Walter** were all magicians. They were charter members of IBM Ring 59 in New Haven. Ann was the first female member of that Ring and its first female president. She was also a member of Assembly 20 in Bridgeport.

Her parents lived in New Britain. Her dad worked for Dictaphone, Sikorsky and Sherm's Magic Co. in Bridgeport.



Minutes, still continued

collection of Henning memorabilia. Closing out the night, Dave did a Steinmeyer “rope trick,” a comedy routing using Clippo, and a comedy find-the-bill piece using a pair of envelopes (that contained letters ostensibly from Heaven and Hell).



Tom Gentile, Dana Ring, Leonard Nadeau, and Dan Sclare as “The Boisterous Bunny Brothers.”

From The President’s Change Bag

Hi everybody!

I hope everyone is enjoying the change of season as we transition into Fall. Make sure you pick up some cider donuts, enjoy all things pumpkin and maybe try something haunted like [Nightmare Acres](#) in South Windsor. 'Tis the season!

I think the Theme Captain combined with larger, more general type themes have been working well in terms of engaging a larger portion of the club. Last week’s meeting I thought was an especially effective theme choice as we saw tricks and talks from nearly every member and covered tricks and presentations among music boxes, card tricks and stories about signed ties. Let’s keep it up! If you want to be a TC for the next meeting or have a particular theme you’d like to explore let me know!

On a more selfish note, I’ll be performing with SAM 127 member and friend Adam Parisi on Saturday, November 2nd at the Carriage House Theater in Hartford. We are calling it Conjuring & Comedy with Brad and Adam and it will be a combination of close-up and parlor pieces performed both individually and as a duo. Tickets and more information can be found at [conjuringandcomedy.com](#).

See you at the meeting

– Brad

Themes for 2019-2020

	Theme Name	Description
2019		
Nov.	Holiday Magic Capt.: Steve Wronker	Perform a trick with the appropriate holiday theme.
2020		
Jan.	Junk drawer revival Capt.: Jason Abate	Perform a trick that you bought but have never performed for anyone.
Feb.	Mail Call Capt.: Rick St. Pierre	Magic with an envelope, box, or other kind of package.
March	Shop Notes Capt.: Jon Cap	Perform an effect in which you made some or all of the props.
April	Mental Miracle Capt.: Roger Cisowski	Mentalism effects
May	Works in Progress Capt.: Marlene Clark	Perform something you are working on—ask questions or advice.

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

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