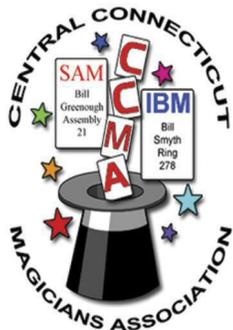


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

March Meeting: Shop Notes

For this month's theme, report to shop captain **Jon Cap** with an effect for which you made some of the props yourself. Show your handiwork to the club on **March 9 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of February Meeting

10 February 2020 6:47 PM

17 members attending
1 guest

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

Treasurer's report received.

Old Bus.: **Dan Sclare** reported on the sale of some of the donated magic stuff (from Stroup and Parker). He repeated his offer to have anyone interested to come look the stash in his basement. There followed a discussion of renting halls for a day to sell the remainder. Dan will look into several of the suggestions.

New Bus.: Dan reached out to Michelle of Lost Acres Winery to do a live show.

Pres. Rpt.: Brad reported on some upcoming lectures, such as **Patrick Redford** on April 7th, but he did not have the location. **Bob Hale** noted that **John Carey** is in New London on April 13th.

Good&Welfare: Friend of the Club **Adam Parisi** is recovering from his recent surgery.

Dan had many good things to say about the recent National Convention in Las Vegas. He reported that several club members were cited for their long membership in our organization: Bob Teraila—25 years; Walt Umberfield—64 years; and Cal Vinick—65 years!

When Last We Met



Jason Abate and his "winning" cards.

Adjourned 8:08 PM.

Tonight's theme: Envelopes, boxes, packages, and other mail-related props, with captain **Rick St. Pierre**. He introduced us to "Circe" (who sometimes inhabits the body of **Marlene Clark**), and had her regard three colored envelopes which contained three different coins. At Rick's direction, "Circe" was able to determine which envelopes contained which coins.

Brad showed a "puzzle envelope" tied shut with a string and challenged the group to open it. Nobody could although some came close.

Dan had nine cards and a board with paperclips that represented a haunted mansion. **Jon Cap** chose a possible weapon and a starting point. Instructions were delivered by a recording from Dan's phone to move the weapon and eliminate rooms. At the end, only one room was left and the correct weapon was there. Most of us recognized this as Room For Doubt, and admired Dan's

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From The President's Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Happy March! Spring is right around the corner, but some nice weather has been making its way into late February, perhaps due to the work of a [particular Punxsutawnian](#)...

This month's meeting theme is Shop Notes: magic that you have built some or all of the props for. One particular crafting rabbit hole I went down was trying to make a system that would pop a floating balloon on command. (For a magic bullets type effect.) A lot of the solutions I researched involved squirting fruit juice on the balloon from a close proximity but I found this unreliable. I tried using a wire that looked like string to apply a voltage across a filament attached to the balloon. I thought this was a pretty crafty idea until I realized the balloon would be floating via *helium*. Luckily I didn't get to the prototyping for that idea. I'm still searching for a creative/crafty answer to this problem so if anyone has any ideas, let me know!

As many of you know the first weekend in March is the New England Magicians Conference (NEMCON) which I have helped with for the past couple of years. I am particularly excited for this year's convention as we are moving to the Farmington Marriott which will address a lot of the feedback that we've received from previous NEMCONs regarding hotel amenities. We also have another all-star lineup consisting of Asi Wind, Carisa Hendrix, Norman Beck and Ken Scott that will provide great magic and lectures. If you haven't already registered online, you can register at the door.

See you at the meeting and/or NEMCON!

-Brad

Minutes, continued

method for presenting it for parlor.

Jason Abate shared some envelopes containing cards with **Eric Wolfe**. Even though Eric made all the choices of who got what envelope, Jason always won since he always got a 9, but Eric only got 6's. (The back of the cards, however, said "six" vs. "nine.")

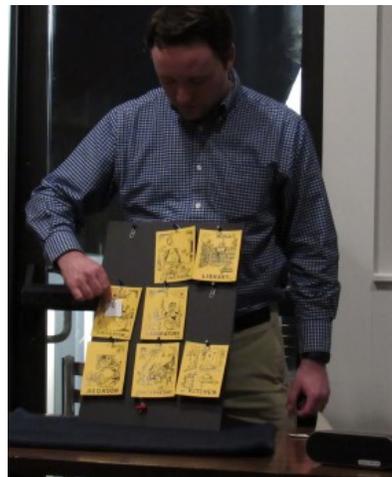
Marlene returned with her own set of envelopes containing predictions for some of our members. After eliminating some envelopes, which turned out to contain "joke" predictions of calamity, the remaining item predicted continued prosperity for our club.

Rick, returning, took a packet out his envelope and a deck of blue cards that he said **Angelo Chirico** had mailed him. Unfortunately, the deck had only 49 cards. Rick decided to add some red cards of his to make up the difference. He had **Dave Garrity** choose three cards to add. When Rick opened the instructions, there were three cards in the envelope. Those three cards matched the red cards Dave had selected.

Jon had **Tim Hamilton** draw a shape on a blank card, put the card in an envelope, and cover it with the deck. Jon Concentrated, then drew a shape of his own on the envelope. The shapes matched!

Lastly, Eric had a bulletin board with Super Bowl brackets. The club picked winners of the brackets and the final winner. A box, in plain view, contained a single prediction which matched the club's choice

Other Pictures From Our Last Meeting



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Themes for 2019-2020

	Theme Name	Description
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.