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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: More Assembly History

Completing the trifecta of Assembly #21 history, **Joyce Zachary** will be with us to talk about the lore of our club. Please be sure to join us on **March 8th** at 7PM.

## Minutes of February Meeting

8 February 2021 7:00PM  
The Treasurer's report was received.  
8 members attending virtually, 2 guests

**Announcements:**  
Assembly #17's post-holiday bash has been moved to July 31st (**not** 2/13).  
Assembly #63 has a kid-show lecture tomorrow.

**Program:**  
**Ann James**, daughter of **Walter Schwartz** gave a talk on her parents and the Assembly, accompanied by samples from her scrapbook.



Ann's grandfather  
**Louis O. Schwartz**

## Zoom Meeting Details

Topic: CCMA March (Virtual) Meeting  
Time: Mar 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736377858?pwd=cDFNT0FwdE1JR1RFbytOWFQ0YzV0dz09>

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## From The President's (Self-isolated) Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Thanks to everybody who joined our February meeting and a special thanks to Ann Myrece James for sharing stories about her father: S.A.M. Assembly 21 founder Walter Schwartz. We learned a lot about his performances, publications, and fellow members of the club in its infancy. I look forward to learning more about the rich history of the club with March's guest, past S.A.M. National Secretary Joyce Zachary.

At the end of the first week of March I'll be attending a somewhat niche conference called the [Way of the Wizard](#). It's hosted by three magicians Jared Kopf, Paul Vigil, and Mike Pisciotta over the course of three days which includes a Friday night show, performances, lectures and a Sunday discussion with Derek Delgaudio. If you're familiar with NEMCON, I suspect it will be similar to that. Should be fun!

Speaking of which, SAM 127 is planning on hosting a smaller, virtual version of NEMCON sometime in March so be on the lookout for details on that as well.

See you at the meeting!  
— Brad

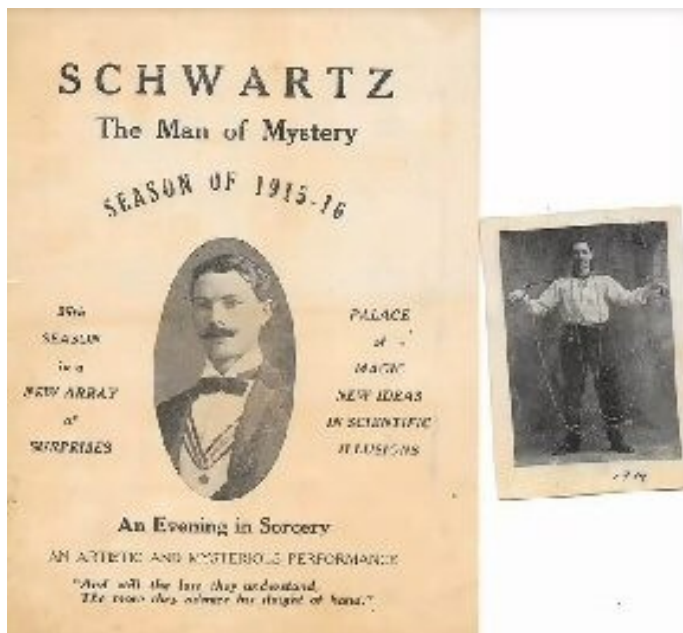
## When Last We Met



Louis in performance. He's on the left; Ann did not know who the gentleman on the right was.



Ann's uncle  
**Louis C. Schwartz**  
(the oldest brother)



One of Louis' programs, plus a picture of him doing an escape.



Ann's uncle  
**Harold Schwartz**  
(the middle brother)

## The Secret Compartment

by Brad Beady

This is the third article in the Secret Compartment series looking at magic on multiple media platforms. In this issue, I will focus on just a couple magic shows/talks that I have enjoyed watching over the course of our collective quarantining.

[Michael Close](#) (Facebook): I personally really enjoy the work of Michael Close. If you don't know him, he is the foremost magic consultant on Penn & Teller's Fool Us as well as publications such as the Workers series. He is a very thorough thinker when it comes to constructing his magic. I admire his ability to piece together his vast magic knowledge he has attained from and apply it to different magic problems. In his Facebook series, he explores some of these while also detailing the history of magic through his unique lens. This comes in many forms such as suggested reading, analogies to music playing, and tricks and takes on tricks by close friends of him. Check out his back catalogue of Facebook live videos.

[Don't Everybody Leave](#) (YouTube): A relatively new show hosted by Mac King also co-hosted by 5 other performers Michael Goudeau, Jason England, Vinny Grosso, Jacob Jax, and Nick Diffatte. I have enjoyed it because, unlike a lot of 1-on-1 live virtual shows, you get to see a lot of interaction with a pretty close-knit group of friends; something we have definitely missed out on during quarantine. They also host guests like Adam Rubin, John Lovick, and Max Maven with performances and interesting talks. New episodes drop Tuesdays.

## More Meeting Pictures



Walter Schwartz performing with his wife **Mary**.



**Ann**, herself, with her father in one of the rare pictures of the two of them together.



Ann's father  
**Walter Schwartz**  
(the youngest brother)

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