

# 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)

## February Meeting: Love Connections

This month presents a challenge. Our meeting would normally be on February 14, but as that is Valentine's Day, some of our members may have plans for a romantic evening on that day. Consequently, the meeting night has been moved to **Wednesday, February 16th**. Fortunately, since the meeting is on Zoom, you won't have to drive very far. Log in for a **7PM** start time.

## Report of January Meeting

The Zoom meeting on January 10, 2022 failed to reach quorum, so we didn't have a business meeting. **Dan Sclare** and **Dana Ring** had a nice chat with **Tom Gentile**, who tried out his audition routine for acceptance into the Magic Circle, and **Reza Saberi** who is new to the area and was looking for a local magic club.

## February ZOOM Sign-in Details

Dr. Joel "Batman" Zaritsky is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: Assembly 21 Zoom Meeting  
Time: Feb 16, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87641524045?pwd=dG9Dc1AzVktKRkFGY3VaNUtHanZDdz09>  
Meeting ID: 876 4152 4045  
Passcode: 893127

## When Last We Met

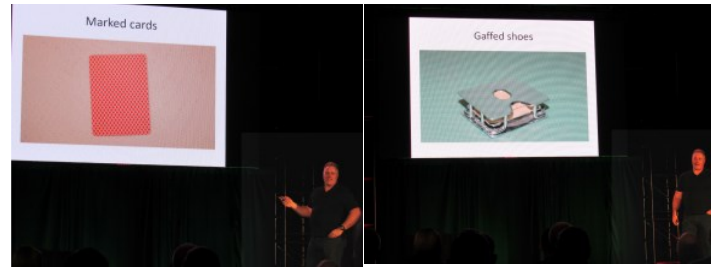


A select few tuned in for January's meeting.

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## Photos From The Convention



**Jason England** gave a lecture on gambling cheats. This was for entertainment only, not a how-to.

## From The President's Change Bag

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this winter.

Our usual meeting date fell on February 14th and wondered if there were any good Valentine's Day tricks. Ideally it would be a romantic one, around the idea of love or connection and maybe even end with a present or souvenir.

Here's one that comes to mind: [Dollar Bill Origami Heart](#) (Patrick Kun)—I've been a fan of Patrick Kun's style and creations, especially this one. He released a gimmicked version of this same trick with a magnet that locks the heart in place. In that version you would still have to switch out the gimmick for a real paper heart, which is why I think this version is even better. Although I think the video title could have been something a bit more direct, it helps conceal the trick's "Google-ability" in a sense. You could do it with a myriad of other [dollar bill origami figures](#); maybe a partner's favorite animal.

See you lovebirds later,  
Brad



I got a picture with **Moxie Crimefighter Jillette**.



**Ken Scott** gives a lecture. Note how his name is prominently shown on his stand. Marketing!



At a venue at the other end of Fremont Street, the "all things magic" group presents a fantastic close-up show.



At the National Council meeting, **Joel Zaritsky** livestreams the activities to those at home.



At that meeting, MI **Tom Gentile** and **William Gleeson** present the Heroism Award to **Vinny Grosso** who saved the life of a choking victim.



“**Ice**” **McDonald** leads a symposium on the history of Black magicians, along with a documentary on video.



At the Banquet, MI **Tom Gentile** presents an Honorary Membership to PNP **Mike Miller**.



The guys from “all thing magic” give a talk on their tricks. The camera crew made sure we could see everything.



**Eric DeCamps** gives a lecture.

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