

# 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)

## March Meeting: Back In Person

This month we're going to try to be in-person at a new location. We'll meet at the French Social Circle club in Vernon, CT at 341 Kelly Road, on our usual meeting date, **Monday, March 14th**. The meeting will start at **7PM**. There's no theme this month; we'll be so happy to see you, you can perform anything. However, compeer **Dan Sclare** requests each of you bring a deck of cards.

## Report of February Meeting

16 February 2022 around 7pm  
A few of us Zoomed in February, but once again we did not achieve quorum. Instead, we discussed the recent Vegas Convention. **Dan Sclare** shared his screen to show some pictures of the convention with commentary, including his zipline ride over Fremont Street, and Frank Sinatra's dressing room in the Golden Nugget.

After the great collection of photos, Dan had **Brad Beady** and **Dana Ring** shuffle one of their own decks to demonstrate "the thing all magicians hate: when the spectator forgets his card!" Under Dan's direction, they both dealt two face-down piles—their choice as to how many cards in the pile. The next card was to be remembered and replaced, and covered with one of the piles. Then the spelling began: one for each letter of the chosen card. However, in this scenario, we "didn't remember" our cards, so instead of spelling out (say) "s-i-x-o-f-c-l-u-b-s" they spelled "I-f-o-r-g-o-t-o-f-s-o-m-e-t-h-i-n-g." The last card dealt was ... not their card! Dan reminded them that we weren't "playing with a full deck," (which describes me on most days). They replaced the dealt cards onto the stock and then added the missing packet. This time, when they repeated the "forgot" spelling, the last

card ... WAS theirs!

Dana showed a trick he has been using to good reactions for quite some time now. One half of the deck is given to each of two spectators to shuffle. (Dana simulated this as well as one could over Zoom.) Each spectator chooses a card from the other's packet and shuffles it in with his own. Dana then found both cards by determining which card in each packet had different "vibes" than the others. Of course, when one packet consists of odd-numbered black cards and even-numbered red cards, and the other packet has only odd reds and even blacks, it's easy to spot the different card! Brad showed a quick "romantic-themed" trick. The king and queen of diamonds was chosen as a loving "couple" in the middle of the deck. Then the lovers were separated, placed at opposite ends of the deck. But with a magical gesture (and the power of love), the king and queen vanished from the top and bottom of the deck and were once again re-united in the middle.

Next month, we hope to meet in person. Fingers crossed.



## In Memoriam

For those of you who don't know, compeer **David Steele** passed away on February 14th.

Click on [this link](#) for his obituary.

## From The President's Change Bag

Hello everyone,

With the Spring around the corner, better COVID numbers and rolled back State mask mandates, I think it's a good time to try to meet regularly in person. We will try a new venue, the French Social Circle Club in Vernon as suggested by Norm St. Laurent. I look forward to trying a new place!

As the start of March just passed us, so did NEMCON this year. I like to say that the worst of COVID lasted exactly two NEMCONs long—the pandemic started during NEMCON 39 and we were just back this past weekend for NEMCON 40. (With an online NEMCON 39.5 in between.) I had a good time at the convention this year, although it was a bit different since I was running the registration and evening show seating. Let me know during the meeting what you thought, what you liked, didn't like and any good memories.

Look forward to seeing you in person,  
Brad

## Suggested Route To Vernon French Club

**F**or those outside the Vernon-South Windsor area, I think the best way there is via I-84. From east of Vernon, take exit 64. At the end of the ramp take a right, then a quick left into the first driveway. From west of Vernon, take exit 64-65 and stay in the left lane and stick with exit 64 choosing the left lanes until you reach the stoplight. Take a left at that light onto CT-83, then make a right at the second light (*after* the Shop Rite). It's the driveway on the right opposite the Holiday Inn Express.

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