

# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road  
Vernon

## October Meeting: Spooky Stuff

We again meet at the French Social Circle this month. Join us for food, fun, and magic. Our president, Brad, is asking for something in line with the holiday on the thirty-first. You can show us something eerie, something unsettling, or something scream-inducing! Hey, fear is fun, right? Join us on **October 10** for the meeting starting as **7PM**, or come early for dinner and pre-meeting socializing.

## Report of September Meeting

12 September 2022 7 PM or so 8 members attending

September saw us with a small group for an informal meeting. **Bob Bader** showed us a deck that was a replica of decks sent to P.O.W.s in WWII by the Red Cross. When the cards in the deck were "split," they showed a map of the local countryside with paths to freedom. He also showed us the October 1939 issue of Sphinx, most of which was Hardeen's tribute to his brother, Houdini. **Steve Wronker** performed a routine with picture cards showing a variety of restaurants with their bill of fare: appetizers, entrees, desserts, and drinks. Four categories were selected from four different restaurants, and the backs of those cards were revealed to show various prices (in whole dollars) for each selection. The prices were added up. Inside the box where the cards came from was a pile of cash. That cash was the exact total of the prices. Bob returned with a clever routine involving a small

## When Last We Met



**Bob Bader's** replica cards from WWII, showing POW's maps and routes to escape.

packet of cards. Steve dealt them into three piles and discarded two piles, all while Bob had his back turned. The remaining pile was dealt into another three piles, and two piles were discarded. Steve had two cards left. Bob directed him to sit on one of them and discard the other. It sounds impossible, but Bob correctly named the card that Steve was sitting on! **Norm St. Pierre** showed us a deck of cards in its card case. With a quick shake, the card case suddenly changed from blue to red. Steve later announced that he will be presenting his first ever major convention lecture at the Kapital Kidvention. It will be a tutorial on booking multiple shows in a very specific market. Dates of the Kidvention is February 17-19, 2023 in Alexandria, Virginia. He adds that if you are a kids and family entertainer check out the website KapitalKidvention.com.

## From The President's Change Bag

Happy October everybody!

Hope everyone has plans to watch scary movies, carve pumpkins, and celebrate International Magic Week at the end of the month. I know I'll be checking all three boxes by carving a Dai Vernon silhouette while watching old videos of me performing. Ah! Terrifying!

If you haven't seen, another season of Fool Us starts up in a few weeks in which CT magician and friend of the club, Adam Parisi, will be on. He is briefly seen in the [promo video](#) nailing a bag to his face but make sure to catch his full appearance on the show sometime this season. (He's not yet sure when his episode will air.) Also, if you ever see him, ask him to tell you of his experience on the show. It's quite a tale.

We will be back at the New French Club in Vernon for October's meeting on the 10th. Please bring something Halloween/spooky/scary to share.

See you Monday,  
Brad



Steve Wronker sets up his trick. From a box, he takes cards with pictures of items from various restaurants.



Four items are selected. The other cards are turned over, showing the prices of the items, all different.

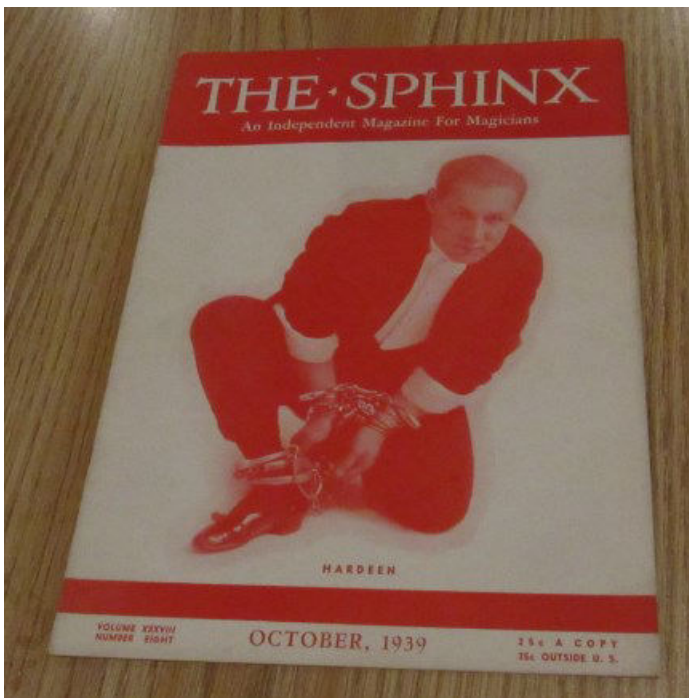


The price of the selected items comes to \$42...



...the exact amount of cash in the box!

## Meeting Photos



An 83-year-old magazine.

### More Meeting Photos



Bob Bader correctly names Steve's card.



Norm St. Pierre showing a deck to Bob.

### Magic Tag Sale

Dan Sclare is having a tag sale with lots of magic goodies available. It's this Saturday, Oct 8th (rain date the 9th) from 9am to 2pm. 13 Farmstead Ln, Ellington, CT 06029 Lots and lots of magic and GREAT DEALS! There is more than is in this picture!



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