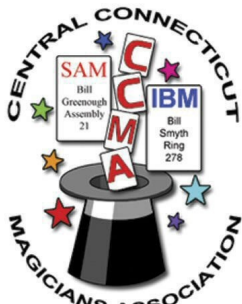


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road
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January Meeting: New Magic You Got Over The Holidays

A new year has begun. Let's start out by showing off some magic we acquired over this past Holiday Season. This could include something you bought, something you got as a gift, or something you just *learned how to do* over the last month. Be with us on **January 9** at the French Social Circle in Vernon for the meeting starting at **7PM**, or come early for dinner and pre-meeting socializing.

Report of November Meeting

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After a quick business meeting, discussing our Holiday Banquet next month, we did several tricks honoring the late, great, Max Maven.

Eric Wolfe did "Color Matrix." (Lines are drawn on a chart of numbers in different colors. Certain numbers are circled. Sum of the numbers leads to a page number. The last word on that page matches Eric's prediction.)

Rick St. Pierre did "Centrifugal Combination." (Cards were dealt into five piles. One pile was chosen. The cards in that pile were given to other spectators. Rick took a pad of paper and drew his impressions. Two spectators' cards had shapes--Rick's drawings matched those shapes.)

Tom Gentile did a non-Max trick with a (HUGE) quarter, nickel, dime, and penny. It came from the March 2016 issue Boys' Life.

Dan Sclare knew he had a Max trick--but he couldn't find it! Instead, he showed a vanishing rabbit (folded paper shows a picture of a rabbit, but

When Last We Met



PNP Tom Gentile playing with BIG money.

when unfolded, the bunny can't be seen), and a card to wallet.

Steve Wronker told a story of Max's thumb-and-finger circle placed on the cheek/chin routine.

Dave Garrity did "Pscrabble." (Seven Scrabble© tiles were taken, without looking, and dropped in a bag. With Dave's book turned, the letters were dumped out and we tried to come up with the highest valued word that we could. Dave, still facing away, corrected named the word.)

Bob Hale did a mentalism routine with Tarot cards. (Max sometimes used Tarot cards, but this wasn't a Max trick.) Three cards were selected out a set of the Major Arcana. They were the only cards to have writing on the back!

Brad Beady did "Masque," which Max put out in 1990 in a book called "Focus." (Three cards were named. A Joker is supposed to change into one of the named cards each time Brad took a drink. It must have been a powerful drink because it sure looked like the Joker changed to us!)

Dana Ring did "Puddle Jumper"--a card reveal that Max wrote in a magazine. (Magic Magazine,

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From The President's Change Bag

Happy 2023!

I hope you all had a nice holiday and New Year. I had a great time at our holiday dinner party and a big thanks to the performers Eric Wolfe, Jason Abate, Daniel Greenwolf, Bob Hale, and David Garrity for performing. (And special thanks to my partner Shannon for looking great while I stumbled through a practically self-working trick.)

Speaking of Shannon, over the holidays, I was able to attend a party with her coworkers who she had been telling I was a magician and dedicated some time to me performing for everyone. I got one of those [2-in-1 Bicycle packs](#) that came with both a red and blue deck, and a Sharpie. During the party I had two of the hosts sit together and each select one of the decks. (I could have brought a separate deck for each of them, but having them open the package and decks seemed more interesting.) I had each of them shuffle the decks and hold onto each other's deck.

I then had them play an improv game called [Mind Meld](#) where they each at the same time try to say the same word, using both of their previous guesses as the means to get to a common word. The exercise is meant to get people thinking on the same wavelength. When they eventually both said the same word (I think it was "Steve" a favorite character of both of theirs from *Stranger Things*), I had them cut the cards wherever they wanted. I then revealed that because they were in sync with each other that they both managed to cut to the same card: the 5 of diamonds.

I got a marker and had them each write "Steve" on the faces of both of their cards. I put the cards back-to-back in between both of their hands and had them play the game again. When they eventually said the same word ("wink" in this case), I showed them that this time the two cards they had selected and signed also became one card with both of their signed "Steve" 5's fused together.

I quite enjoyed how this little combo played out and the impact it had. It was simple, hard hitting and somewhat tailored to the people I was planning on performing for. My goal is to perform more pieces of magic like this in 2023. I don't perform all that much so I think concentrating my efforts into 1 or 2 monthly pieces for friends and family will be a good start to performing more in general.

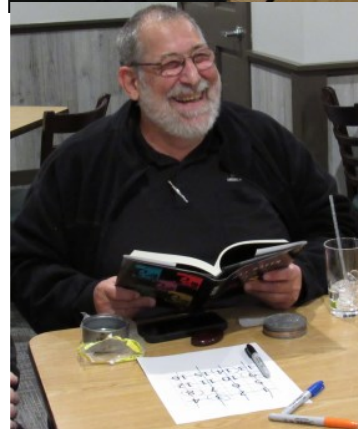
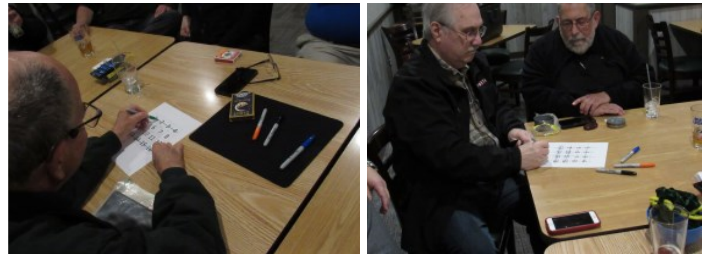
See you Monday,
Brad

Minutes, continued

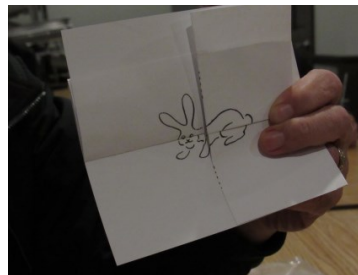
maybe?) The main point is that the selected card disappears from one pile to reappear in the other pile.)

Dan also did a twisted trick with a pen and a translucent plastic card. The pen could be seen through the card, then could not be seen, then when the card was removed, the pen was seen to be twisted in the middle.

Meeting Photos



Under Eric Wolfe's direction, **Dan Sclare** and **Rick St. Pierre** draw lines on **Max Maven's** "Color Matrix." From this, a page number is calculated and **Tom Gentile** checks the book for the surprise ending.



Dan Sclare holds the folded paper showing a bunny. When the paper is unfolded, the bunny has vanished!



More Meeting Photos



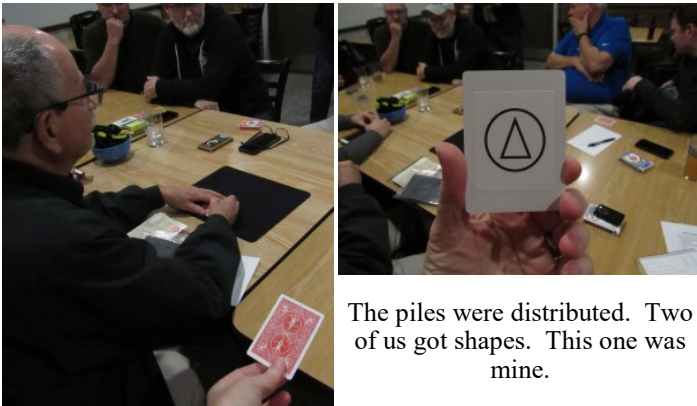
Rick St. Pierre has Dan Sciare deals cards into five piles.



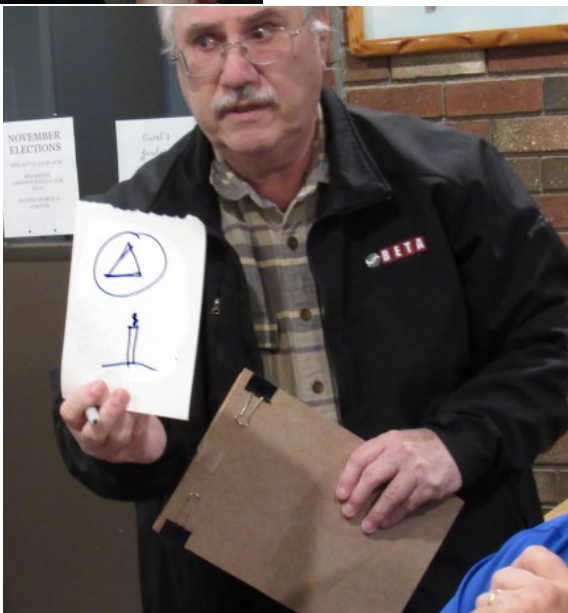
Bob Hale deals three piles of Tarot cards representing Past, Present, and Future



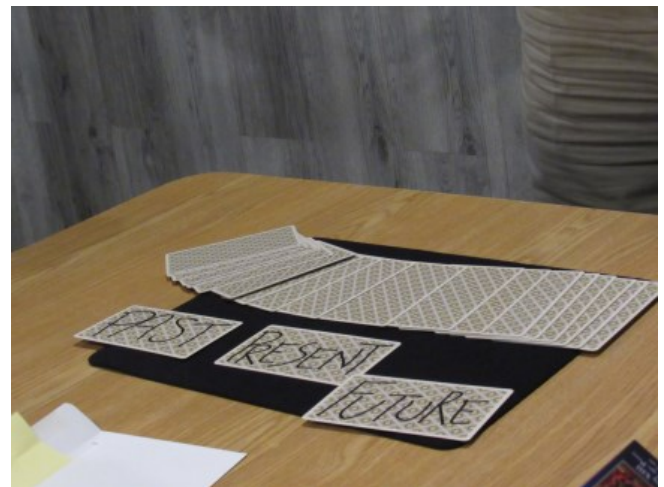
Norm St. Laurent chooses one card from each pile.



The piles were distributed. Two of us got shapes. This one was mine.



Rick nailed them both.



Norm's cards are the only cards to have anything written on their backs!

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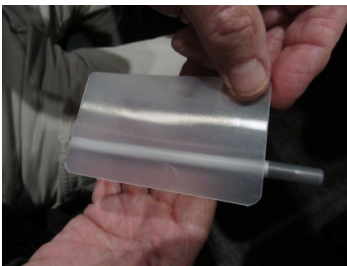
Brad Beady shows a Joker.

The King of Hearts is named.

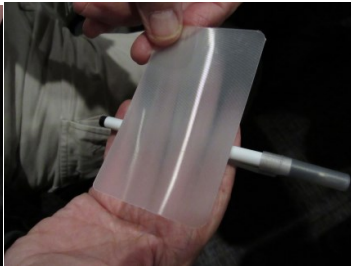
Brad takes a drink...



... and the Joker turns into the ♥K.



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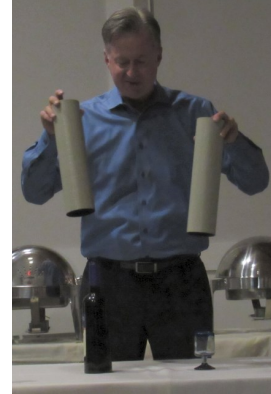


... now you don't!



The randomly-chosen Scrabble® tiles that Eric used to form a word. A word that David Garrity had correctly predicted!

Holiday Banquet Photos



Eric Wolfe with a story to accompany his Multiplying Bottles.

The table was full of bottles by the time he finished.



Brad Beady

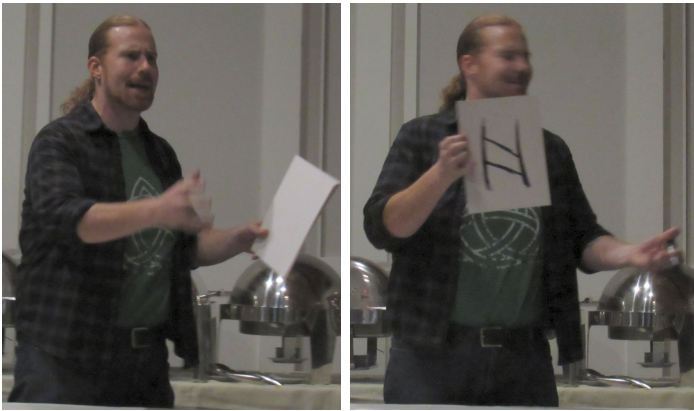


The "twist" ending.

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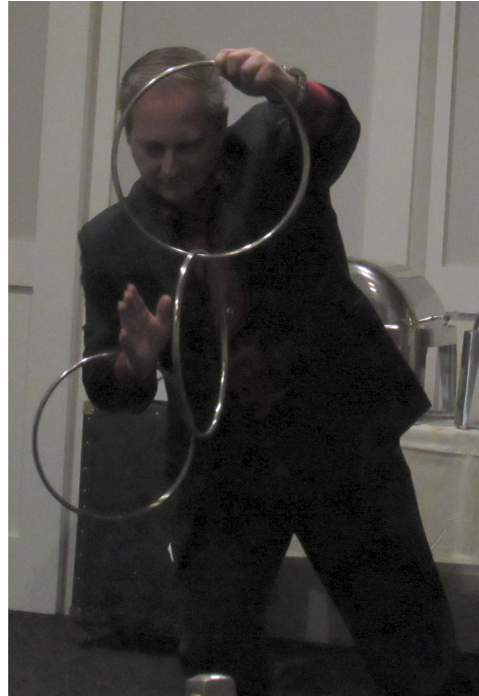
Jason Abate



Daniel Greenwolf performing a trick with a Celtic flavor.



Bob Hale with a Haunted Key.



David Garrity
with a
Linking Ring
Routine.



A group photo.

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