

# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Rd.

Vernon, CT 06066

## November Meeting: Show and Tell

The clocks have gone back to normal, and we continue to meet at our "normal" venue—the French Social Circle in Vernon. For this month, you are asked to bring something you can perform and teach. Something brand new, or an old classic with a new twist. The meeting starts at **7:00 PM on November 13**. As always, some of us will get there early for food and libation at 6:00 PM, so come commingle.

## Report of October Meeting

9 October 2023 7:10 PM 7 members attending  
3 guests

The Secretary's report was accepted as published.

**Eric Wolfe** presented the Treasurer's report.

There will be a lecture at the Norwich SAM assembly (197 Dudley St.) on Sunday, November 26th at 7PM.

Eric related a story of how a magician "forced" an assistant by rigging a coin-flip to match his chosen volunteer. He revealed that he is doing an actual public show at a Simsbury restaurant at the end of the month.

**Bob Hale** reports he saw **Nate Bergatze** at Radio City Music Hall this past Saturday.

There will be a Holiday Banquet this December. Details to come.  
Adjourned 7:22

**Tim Hamilton** showed off some props he recently got--a mini-dove-pan and a multiplying-bottles cylinder.

**Bob Hale** demonstrated Unchained Hank: four colored hanks dropped off a wire coat-hanger one-by-one on demand.

Eric did Mummy-See Mummy-Do, a voodoo effect in which Tim chose a spot on a picture of a mummy

## When Last We Met



**Tim Hamilton** displays his acquisitions.

to stab. A wrapped doll, which was heretofore hidden in a box, had a pin in that same spot.

**Bob Bader** had Tim sign a card. Bob put a combination-dial on the deck and "dialed" the name of the card. When the dial was lifted (bringing with it about half the deck), the top of the remaining packet was the named card. Tim displayed a pack of "disappearing crayons" that he uses when he does shows for very young kids.

**Jason Abate** put two casino chips on the table and asked Bob B to choose a card, return it to the deck, and shuffle. Jason had predicted that the chosen card would appear on his "lucky" chip. Bob put that chip on the spread deck and the cards that did \*not\* touch that chip were removed. We were left with five. Bob replaced the chip on a card of his choice. The chip was turned over and had "your card" printed in the center. We all threw things at Jason, until he actually produced Bob's card.

Bob H told a tale of Houdini-The King of Cards. He took out two cards: one represented Houdini, the other was his assistant. One card went into Eric's hands and the other into a clear plastic

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## From The President's Change Bag

Happy November!

I hope you all had a nice, spooky, and magic filled October. We will be meeting at the French Social Club in Vernon for our November meeting. In honor of the 10-year anniversary of the [2003 November Meeting](#), this month's theme is **Show and Tell**. Bring in a trick you can share and teach the group. Spread the knowledge!

We will also be collecting dues this month for the year. Your dues help fund the club's lectures, refreshments, and our upcoming holiday party in December. (You have to pay your dues to attend the holiday party too.) Please be prepared to pay \$25 to our treasurer Eric Wolfe this meeting.

[Back in August](#), I talked about new books I was excited to read. One that didn't make the list which I really enjoyed was [The Definitive Mental Mysteries of Hector Chadwick](#). The title alone makes it seem like any other book with mentalism tricks, but it's been one of my favorite magic books, not just focusing on mentalism. In it, Hector describes a number of mentalism routines for the stage alongside a lot of theory on performing mental magic. The first routine, *Keys*, I think is worth the price of the book as I can see a lot of professionals adopting it as a substitute to the standard Sneak-Thief-type routine. Definitely worth a spot on the bookshelf.

See you at the meeting,  
*Brad*

## Becoming-annoying Reminder

**D**ues were due at the last meeting. \$25 cash or check (to CCMA) for the coming year. Or send a check to Eric Wolfe at 349 Firetown Road, Simsbury, CT 06070.

## Minutes, continued

bag. In a flash the cards changed places. Continuing, the card in the bag vanished in an instant--no, I'm not kidding--and was found back on the table in plain sight!!

Bob B played "The Skittles Game" with us all. He handed out colored mats and five actual Skittles, colors matching the mat. We all put a finger on a color on the mat, then moved to other colors at Bob's instructions. Some of those instructions included eating a Skittles if we were not pointing to a called-out color. Eventually, everyone was left with one Skittles (or maybe "Skittle") whereupon Bob opened another package of Skittles and they were all that chosen color. Paul presented four cards with two black Kings in the middle, which turned into two red Kings, and immediately they all became the four Aces.

**Brad Beady** borrowed a dollar and wrote something on it. Tim's sister Sarah picked a number from a list of names of movie monsters. What Brad wrote did not match Sarah's choice so Brad had to offer compensation: a bag of Skittles! But Brad then vanished the dollar and it was found to be INSIDE that bag.

**Dana Ring** presented a slight modification to Bob B's Bermuda Triangle routine from last month. Using M&M's (we were all tired of Skittles by then) to set up the Triangle, he offered a different move if a spectator put a marker in one of the corners. At least the M&M's were delicious.

## Meeting Photos



**Eric Wolfe** sets the stage for a Voo-Doo type effect with a picture of a mummy.

(What's in the box??)



Houdini in a bag.



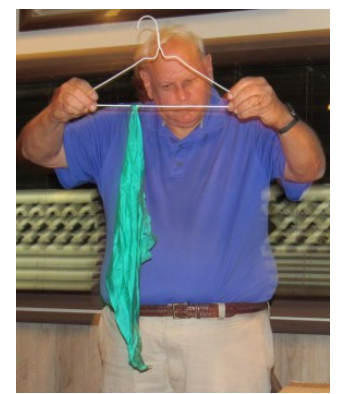
Tim Hamilton shows where he's chosen the mummy to be stabbed.



A triumphant Eric shows the wound on his mummy doll matches Tim's choice.



Bob Hale runs through Unchained Hank.



I tried to get a shot of one of the hanks drifting off the hangar, but they always fell before I could trip the shutter!

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