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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

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April Meeting: Gags, Pranks, Bets, and Stunts

In honor of April Fool's Day, the theme will be "Gags, Pranks, Bets, and Stunts." Bring something funny, or maybe just a little offbeat. Join the jokesters at 7:00 PM on April 8. As always, a bunch of us will get there early for dinner and chit-chat at 6:00 PM.

Sad To Report

Past President and much-loved member **Dan Sclare** passed away on the morning of April 3, 2024. Magic was his life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Report of March Meeting

11 March 2024 7:24PM 12 members attending

We opened the meeting with commiserating about what has happened to **Dan Sclare**.

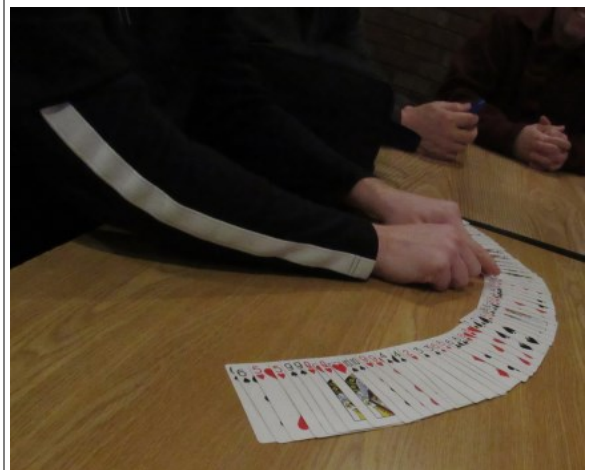
The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing NEMCON (New England Magicians Conference) which had taken place the weekend before. Many in the room had attended and shared opinions of what was good, what was below par, who gave the best lecture, etc.

Tim Hamilton demonstrated a very nice Botania he bought during the con.

Charlie Hayden showed us a great coin move. Using a thumb palm, he could move a coin from a group in one hand into the group in the other hand.

Norm St. Laurent did a trick with cards, but he doesn't do card tricks, so he had **Brad Beady** "do"

When Last We Met



Brad Beady with a very sneaky deck.

the trick and Norm played the part of the spectator. Norm thought of a card and had Brad fan the shuffled deck to him so he could pick out the card he thought of. Brad was then instructed to run off a random number of cards, then deal them into two piles. The top of one pile revealed the suit of Norm's card, and the other showed its value. **Jason Abate** had Norm and Charlie each select a card from a deck of tiny cards. They signed their selection and returned them to Jason's deck. Jason squeezed the deck and they all became regular-sized cards, except for the two selections.

Brad then showed us a wonderful little swindle: A sneaky method of card control using a deck of twenty-six duplicate pairs!

Bob Bader showed five dollar bills and a deck. If we correctly guessed the color behind the card of the deck's face, we won a buck. Bob could control which color showed up so he could keep his money.

Dave Garrity did an Oscar-themed prediction since the Oscars were on TV just recently. A deck of cards with names on the faces were shown. Norm divided them into two piles and threw one pile away. This was repeated many times until just three

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From The President's Change Bag

Happy April!

It was nice seeing everyone at our March meeting. There was a lot of magic shared and good spirits all around. I look forward to this month's meeting.

I saw that Justin Wilman has a new magic show called [The Magic Prank Show](#) coming to Netflix on April 1st. From what I've seen in the trailer, this looks similar to [The Carbonaro Effect](#) (coincidentally also released on April 1st, ten years prior) but I think there is distinct difference. On The Carbonaro Effect, magic is used to prank unsuspecting laypeople whereas in this show it looks like Wilman uses magic to prank people who have already pranked someone else. This may seem like a small difference, but I think it will make a different improvement in the watchability of a show like this. I'll definitely be tuning in.

I also saw Ben Seidman did another video for Vanity Fair where he reviews magic in movies and television. [Here is the video](#) if you want to check it out. And if you don't want to watch the whole video check out the trick Ben does at [3:20 minute mark](#) that I am still scratching my head over.

And if you don't want to watch either the show or the video, you could [read an article about the best performance of all time](#).

See you at the next meeting,
Brad

Meeting Photos



Charlie Hayden demonstrates a coin routine using a makeshift close-up pad.



Tim Hamilton's botania.

Minutes, continued

cards remained, and Norm chose one. This name did NOT match the prediction, but that prediction unfolded into a large color photo of the chosen name.

Steve Wronker did a cute, old, Emerson and West routine, using ten cards with a picture of a leprechaun, and ten cards with a picture of a pot of gold. The cards are paired up and one of the leprechauns disappears.

Tom Gentile showed us an old metal Run, Rabbit, Run. Charlie told a joke about the old Indian Rope Trick, then showed us two different four-ace tricks.



Dave Garrity has his prediction ready, but **Norm St. Laurent** has a different name selected. How dare he!



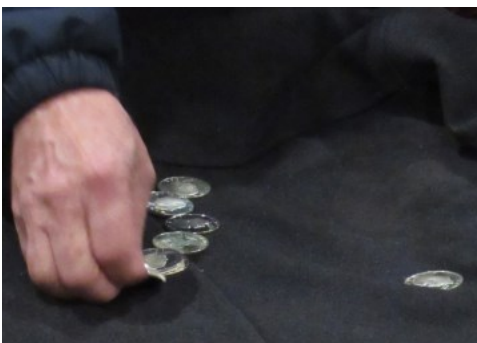
Norm does a card trick, but he gets **Brad Beady** to shuffle and fan while Norm selects a card.



Bob Bader puts his money where his deck is.



Is this really a good idea??



The hand of **Charlie**, and the traveling coins.

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