

Quad Cities Magic Club – Nov. 2014

President Ken Cooper brought the meeting to order. The Christmas party will be Monday, Dec. 1 at the Windmill Restaurant on Avenue of the Cities in East Moline and featuring Ben Ulin, a comedy magician. Cocktail hour will be at 6:00, meal at 7:00, entertainment at 8:00. There will be five basic entrees from which to choose. Cost: \$15 per person. Ben will offer a lecture on Nov. 30 at the Garden Center at 3:00.

After sharing some thoughts from a recent email from Brian Lees as to what worked in terms of increasing the membership of the clown club, it was moved by Jerry Phillips that in the near future we have a teach-in for kids on our meeting night, prior to the regular meeting to which the kids will also be invited to attend.

Next month will be the election of officers for our club for next year. Nominations were accepted:

President – Ken Cooper

Vice president – Darrell Peplow, Joe Dobson, or T. J. Regul

Sgt.-at-arms – Sir Richard or Ken Wilson

Secretary – Michael Dyer

Treasurer – Rick Brammer

Member-at-large – Dave Curley, Kim Meacham, Chuck Hanson

This evening was our annual round robin teach-in.

Chuck Hanson had a volunteer separate a deck of cards into two uneven piles. He picked up the piles in each hand and carefully weighed the difference between the piles, eliminating cards from the larger pile one at a time until he felt they were of equal weight. When the piles were counted, they were found to contain the exact same number of cards.

Sir Richard had a volunteer select a card, look at it, and return it to the deck. After Sir Richard mentally discerned the card, he guessed the color, the suit, and finally the denomination, but the final guess was incorrect. After the volunteer revealed the name of the correct card, it was seen that the incorrect card had already changed into the named card.

Ken Wilson had a card selected and returned to the deck. Then a card was named which would serve as a 'cop' card along with its partner and placed in the deck face up. The deck was divided into two piles, and the 'cops' would appear together in one of the piles with several cards between them. Those cards were then removed, and the two piles dealt again. Each time there were a fewer number of cards separating the cop cards until there was only one card 'trapped' between them. This was the originally selected card.

Joe Dobson had a card chosen and returned to the deck. Two new cards were then introduced: one with a picture of Sherlock Holmes, and the other of Dr. Watson. They were cut into the deck, and when the cards were spread, the famous detective duo had caught the Dr. Moriarty card between them which was the originally chosen card.

Four new tricks to add to our repertoires. Thanks, guys. See you on Dec. 4.