

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – November, 2015

The evening began with a moment of silence for our magical colleague, Ricky Szewczyk, a.k.a. “Sir Richard,” followed by a touching tribute to Ricky by Brian Lees. Also this night was the first of two silent auctions of the magic books, DVD’s, and paraphernalia that Ricky owned. Next month will feature the remaining table pads, tables, and electronic equipment. All the proceeds of both auctions will go to Becky, his widow. As reported recently by Joe Dobson, \$1500 was raised from the first auction. Well done, everyone!

Rick Brammer distributed magic bucks to those who participated in the Kewanee and Spooktacular shows, and announced upcoming events:

Mon., Dec. 7 – annual Christmas party featuring Trent James

Sat., Jan. 23 – fundraising club show for Sir Richard’s widow in Macomb, Illinois – walk-around and stage help are still needed

March, 2016 – lecture by David Stone

After some discussion about our first experience with the Magic 101 course, it was decided to run the course in 2016 for four months, instead of six, beginning in Jan.

Next month is the election of officers for 2016. Nominees are:

President – Joe Dobson

Vice President – Ken Wilson, TJ Regul, Jerry Phillips

Secretary – Michael Dyer

Treasurer – Rick Brammer, Eric Dany

Sergeant-at-arms – Todd Herbst, Brian Lees, TJ Regul

Members-at-large – many

Check out the magic display at the Bettendorf library.

It was moved by Eric Dany and TJ Regul to have the club purchase a number of cards to be sent to members or relatives of members at appropriate moments in their lives, such as illness or death.

Finally, as arranged by his wife, there was a brief birthday celebration for Tom Montgomery on his 70th.

November is our annual teach-in in which four teachers each teach us one magic trick. Our teachers were Joe Dobson, Kim Meacham, Chuck Hanson, and Bob Beardsley.

Joe Dobson taught a Larry Hass trick, 'One Card, and One Card Only' aka 'Fine Nine Steps.' A volunteer pulls out a packet of cards from the center of a borrowed deck, learns the face card, replaces the packet, and shuffles the deck. The deck is then spread face up, and 3-7 cards are removed by the volunteer, including the glimpsed card. The magician now divines the chosen card. Seemingly impossible!

Kim Meacham presented Dean Dill's 'No Extras,' which is a version of Matrix involving only the four half dollars and 'no extra' coins as in the usual methods. And, it is fairly easy.

Chuck Hanson picked a coin from a handful of coins, held it in his closed fist, and sent out a psychic vibe as to whether the coin was heads or tails up. After guessing, it was shown that neither guess was correct, since the coin had disappeared. Incredibly easy misdirection!

Finally, Bob Beardsley taught us three quick tricks – a coin move in which a coin is being continuously plucked from the air and transferred to the other hand; the poor man's handcuffs with rubber bands; and a silk knotted on a rope which is merely plucked from the rope after adding an 'invisible hole' to the rope. All good moves!

Altogether, a rather good variety of tricks – thanks, guys.

Next month:

Media report: Jerry Phillips

Easy teach-a-trick: Mark Yeager

Hard teach-a-trick: Craig Beytien

MC – Eric Dany

Snacks – Joe Dobson

Drinks – Steve Delaney