

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – March, 2016

Our February meeting was preceded by our second session of this year's Magic 101, conducted by Rick Brammer for five students.

Upcoming shows:

Fri., March 4 – club show in Waukee, IA at 7:00 – always a need for walk-around

Sun., June 26 – club show in Columbus Junction, IA

Lectures: Thurs., March 10 – David Stone, close-up magician, 7-9pm, at First Congregation Church, 2201 7th Ave. in Moline, IL.

The award for the 2015 Magician of the Year for Ring 11 was given to T J Regul. Congratulations, TJ.

Rick Brammer will purchase for the club a collection of cards, particularly 'get well' cards, to be used to celebrate or support members/spouses in the various situations of life we find ourselves in.

Tonight was also another silent auction of items from the surplus of magic items at the Fun Co.

Next month Chuck Hanson will present CHUCK'S CLASSIC CHALLENGE, during which Chuck will teach us how to do one of the classic magic tricks and then give us ideas on how we can create unusual presentations for it. All necessary props will be provided. It should be a lot of fun.

Media report: T J Regul presented a synopsis of At the Table.

Easy teach-a-trick: Eric Dany had a deck shuffled and cut, half turned over, then each half cut again, and the packets shuffled back together. Then Eric produced a booklet entitled The Book of Facts which perfectly described the number of reds and blacks and which suits are facing up or down. Amazing and amazingly easy!

Hard teach-a-trick: Kim Meacham had a card chosen from a shuffled deck which he guessed at several times. Finally, the correct card came shooting out of the deck.

Performances:

Frankie presented a ball and a card case, and then forced the ball through the case. Nice.

Mark Yeager presented a goblet and a red silk, and tied the silk into a simple knot. The knot was then slipped off the silk and placed into the goblet. This was repeated two more times with a volunteer slipping off the knot the third time. Finally, Mark showed that the silk now had three holes in it. Funny!

Grace Abel had a volunteer shuffle the deck, and then she chose a card. The volunteer counted two piles of cards, and the top card of each turned over. One card indicated the suit and the other the number. Grace's card matched both indications.

Freddie Abel had a red disk examined, placed into a box, and then penetrated the box with several plastic spikes. Yet, when removed, and the box opened, the disk was found to be whole and intact. Good job, Freddie.

T J Regul displayed four aces. A volunteer mentally chose one. When asked about which ace was chosen, T J showed that the backs of three of the aces said "I knew it," but the chosen ace stated "I really knew it." Clever.

Richard Abel had a pair of thumb cuffs examined, demonstrated, and finally placed on the magician. After struggling with the cuffs under a silk, his hand emerged free to use the silk to wipe his brow, and then it was seen that the cuffs had disappeared in the meantime. Nice.

Eric Dany presented a leather pouch with three chips and a card. The chips were worth \$100, \$20, and \$5. A volunteer picked one and the chip's image was found on the outside of the pouch.

Craig Cox presented a die and a tube and showed that the die penetrated the tube. Then, from the tube he produced four silks, and flags, and even another die.

Steve Dulaney performed 'Ring Transpo' from Pavel's *Cabaret Potpourri* tape. A red ring, a white ring, a red rope, and a white rope are shown. The red rope is tied to the white ring, and vice versa. The rope ends are then pulled through the opposite rings, and magically the ropes are visibly seen to switch rings and become tied to the rings of the same color. Nothing better than visible magic happening right before your eyes!

Finally, Tim Stolba performed a version of '6 Card Repeat.' Six cards are counted out, and then a number of cards are deliberately dispensed with, or in Tim's case, inadvertently dropped, and yet the magician always has six cards left in his hand. Hilarious in Tim's hands.

Next month:

Treats: Chuck Hanson

Drinks: Ken Cooper

Media report: T J Regul

The easy and hard teach-a-trick will be temporarily postponed to give time for Chuck's Classic Challenge, which is also a teaching session.

See you next month, and if you know anyone who would like to learn magic, please tell them about Magic 101 which continues next month, April 7.