

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Dec., 2016

Our meeting was short and began with the announcement that we will have a lecture on Thursday, March 23, with **Tom Franks**.

Nominations for next year's officers were reviewed, and there being no new nominations, it was moved by Kim Meacham and seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation. So, the officers for next year are:

President: T J Regul

Vice Presidents: Ken Wilson, Richard Abel

Co-Treasurers: Ken Cooper, Eric Dany, Jerry Phillips

Secretary/Historian: Michael Dyer

Sergeants-at-arms: Grace Abel and Tyler Cronin

Librarian: T J Regul

Next month:

Snacks: Craig Cox

Drinks: Todd Herbst

Media report: Richard Abel

Easy-teach-a-trick: Ken Wilson

Advanced-teach-a-trick: Kim Meacham

Easy-teach-a-trick: Jerry Phillips produced a number of items one at a time from a drawer box, and showed the drawer empty in between each item, using a device developed by Duane Laughlin. Also discussed was the possibility of using several differently colored boxes for a monte or psychic effect.

Advanced-teach-a-trick: Eric Dany taught a card trick from Max Maven's *Prism* involving two decks. The red deck was set aside. The blue deck was used to make one pile of cards, and then two piles from the one. One of the piles was freely chosen and the top card turned over. The red deck was then opened, and one card was found with the words "This is your card" written across the back. When turned over, it matched the blue card.

Performances: The theme for the evening was to present one of the first magic tricks you ever learned. Joe Dobson presented the standard Svengali effect using TV Magic Cards from Marshall Brodien.

Craig Cox began by showing his new "Toyota," a stuffed Yoda from *Star Wars* – a 'toy Yoda.' Get it? We have all probably owned and performed the ball-and-vase, but Craig did a routine using two such sets. Besides the original effect, Craig also had the ball travel back and forth from vase to vase, change color, and multiply to two balls and then four. Quite the advance from childhood.

Tristan Hauser performed the magic coloring book with humorous touches using a hat, crazy glasses, and a wand.

Ken Wilson performed a well polished version of the card trick Triumph

Michael Dyer did the old Chinese laundry ticket routine coupled with the sucker explanation ala the torn and restored napkin.

Joe Dobson had a deck divided into two piles and those two divided into a total of four piles, yet each had an ace as the top card.

Carol Yodts performed her first magic trick, which was learned only a few months ago via our own club's magic course. A pair of dice were thrown and the top faces added together; then the roll of one die and the bottoms noted. All added numbers matched her prediction on a piece of paper.

Tyler Cronin performed the floating lady in one of the most hilarious versions ever. For a stage, he brought out a small box, and used a doll for the lady. He set the doll on a tiny 2" table, took the table away, and passed a 6" hoop twice over the floating lady as in the standard routine. Great fun.

Grace Abel placed an invisible half dollar in a change bag. Silks, a mouse, and finally a real half dollar were produced.

Kim Meacham did some fine sleight-of-hand with a coin. It was sleights that first attracted him to magic, and he has been doing well with it ever since.

Eric Dany performed the card trick involving a selected card and an insurance policy to back up his erroneous guesses.

Chuck Hanson performed his own fine routine of the ball-and-vase. A silk becomes a "crimson orb." It then travels magically from pocket to vase several times with the ball finally returning into a silk again. Nice.

Todd Herbst performed what could be considered the ultimate chicken routine, complete with a rubber chicken, a chicken hat, a burned-up origami chicken that is restored via a dove pan, a trick involving plastic eggs in an egg carton, and a card trick in which Superchicken flies and drops a card that matches a previously selected card. And, of course, all the chicken jokes you've ever or never heard before. I'll remember your routine as I drink egg nog this season.

Joe Dobson had a sheet passed around for us to list the one trick we wish to learn. This is now a good source for deciding what tricks we need to choose next year for our teach-a-tricks or even lecturers. Happy holidays, and bring something new to show in January.