

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Mar., 2017

First on the evening's agenda were the upcoming lectures:

March 23, Thursday – **Tom Frank** (see his cup-and-ball routine at The Magic Castle on Google) – venue at First Congregational Church, 2201 7th Ave., Moline at 7pm

April 20, Thursday – **Alaine Ionnone** – at the Garden Center at 7pm

In other news, the caterer for the annual July picnic has been set up.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island has offered itself as a venue for a club show. There will be further information and discussion needed about this before a decision is made.

Recent concerns over the club's finances have caused many to seek various solutions to the problem of the cost of lectures vs. the current costs of admission to the lecture, the annual Christmas dinner, the July picnic, general club membership, etc. Further thought and discussion is needed.

Because of a conflict of scheduling, T. J. Regul has asked that the annual magic contest be moved from the month of June. It was moved by Eric Dany to have the contest held in August. After further discussion, it was decided to table the motion till next month.

Please, give these last two items more thought before our next meeting.

Next month:

Theme: No Card Tricks

Snacks: Chuck Hanson

Drinks: Ken Cooper

MC: Ken Wilson

Easy teach-a-trick: Ken Wilson

Difficult teach-a-trick: Richard Abel

Media report: Joe Dobson

Our evening's entertainment began with Joe Dobson teaching us the Fred Kapps force, and a baffling trick that employs it.

Then for the rest of the evening, individual performances were cancelled, and the club became involved in a 'creativity challenge' devised by our president T. J. Regul. The members were divided into six groups, each with a bag containing folded paper sacks, envelopes, plastic coins, feathers, a ribbon, a plastic ring, note cards, a Sharpie, balls or plastic eggs, etc. – all items found in a dollar store. The object of the exercise was to create some magic on the spot using these items.

Group #1: A bag with six eggs was shown, a number 1-6 was chosen and that egg placed in the bag. Pop! Bang! The bag was blown up and popped. The egg had disappeared leaving only feathers.

Group #2: a. A ring on the ribbon routine was performed. b. a cup and four puff balls, each a different color, were presented, with the balls placed in the cup. A color was chosen, and with the wave of the hand, all the balls turned into that color. c. a plastic silver coin was changed into a brass coin and back into a silver one.

Group #3: Out of an envelope was produced an invisible coin which then became real and changed from silver to brass. b. an egg and a feather was placed into a clear plastic bag, and while in there the egg was broken open and the coin was found inside it.

Group #4: a. Five eggs were placed in a bag, and a volunteer blindfolded. A color was named and the volunteer asked to remove an egg from the bag. Each time he correctly removed the named colored egg. b. one member swallowed three eggs and then spit out the feathers of the chickens.

Group #5: a. Another egg-becomes-feathers gag was done. b. the note cards were used for the 6-count card trick. c. a plastic silver coin was placed in a clear plastic bag and while the in the bag the coin visibly changed into a brass coin. d. a cut-and restored cord trick.

Group #6: Three envelopes numbered 1-3 were presented, each containing either coins, feathers, or the ribbon. A stack of note cards, each with a different word on it, was riffled for a volunteer. An envelope was selected and the contents matched the word on the chosen card.

Such a variety of ideas and tricks that occurred – such creativity was exhibited! Such fun!