

## Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Aug., 2017

The meeting began with the announcement that there are now three possibilities for entertainer being looked into for our Christmas banquet. Great news, since in some years we have had no prospects at this time of year.

### Upcoming Events:

1. It was also announced that there were two lecturers available for Sept.: Daniel Garcia and Jim Austin. Joe Dobson moved (2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Cooper) that we invite Daniel Garcia for a lecture. Two votes were taken, both ending in a tie. It was then decided to have the executive committee decide. The committee did meet after the meeting and considered various issues involved with the choice. It was finally decided not to invite him for a lecture at this time, maybe in the future.
2. Joe Dobson moved (2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Dany) that we invite Jim Austin as lecturer for Thursday, Sept. 28. Passed. (Please put that in your magical calendars)
3. The annual QCMC magic auction is next meeting – Thurs., Sept. 7. Rules for the auction will be mailed in a separate email. Joe moved (2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Cooper) that Brian Lees be our auctioneer once again. Passed. Two assistants will be needed to make the process move smoothly.

Finally, Joe Dobson donated a DVD to the club's library which is a tour of Ken Klosterman's immense collection of magic paraphernalia displayed in his two homes. Thanks, Joe.

**Easy Teach-a-trick:** Eric Dany presented an instructive mini-lecture on the relation between story and magic. He reminded us that the best-remembered trick from a show is the one that was accompanied by a story, and the best way to do this is to present and put emphasis on a story which is then enhanced by magic. He illustrated this with a card trick and story.

**Hard Teach-a-trick:** Ken Wilson presented a card trick – Amazing Prediction by Harry Lorraine – no sleights, just good presentation for a good effect.

### Performances:

Craig Cox presented a jar filled with jelly beans and a white board. A volunteer made two guesses and Craig made two also. The numbers were added (1998) which matched a prediction in a sealed envelope. However, there was still another surprise – the jar was found to contain only one jelly bean. Craig then presented another trick in which a card disappears in a card box, and a warped card becomes whole in an empty bag.

Ian Munk showed decks which were made of a mixture of five decks. A volunteer was asked to think of a card and then find all the duplicates of that card. A second volunteer was then asked to take only one deck, take out one card, reverse it and replace it without looking at it. The first volunteer then named his card which matched the reversed card in the deck. Very stunning effect.

Ken Cooper had a volunteer choose any one of four M&M bags. Three M&M's (red, green, blue) were removed and placed in a clear plastic cup, and the bag suspended from a hook. Two were then 'shot'

and removed from the cup, leaving the blue. The was then opened and emptied into a bowl – they were all blue. Very visual!

Steve Dulaney had two decks, one with a rubber band. Two piles were dealt from the free deck, the top cards from each pile turned over, and one of them picked. The other deck was opened and the matching card was looked for, which was the only one with an X on the face.

Chuck Hanson presented a ‘puzzle.’ He and a volunteer each had a pair of scissors and a piece of paper that was a black-and-white checkerboard. After folding them into triangles, Chuck gave step-by-step instructions for cutting out various pieces from the paper. When opened Chuck had an expected snowflake design, but the volunteer had two LINKING square rings. Quite puzzling!

Brady Whitcomb had a volunteer shuffle a deck while the magician wrote a prediction. The top card of the deck matched the prediction. Then another card was chosen and returned to the deck. An ace was reversed and placed on top and one on the bottom. The deck was then tossed from one hand to the other leaving three cards in one hand, face-down card between two face-up aces. The down card was the chosen card. Two great tricks from a young, energetic, and fearless new magician. Thanks Brady!

Ken Wilson had a deck cut into two even halves, and then each half put through a mix and strip away process. What resulted were two red flushes.

Joe Dobson gave two volunteers each a deck. The first volunteer shuffled the deck, picked a card, returned the card and shuffled again. The second volunteer merely thought of a card. Both then looked for their cards and exchanged. Joe then named the cards.

Kim Meacham presented *The Gift*. Beginning with a deck that had a problem, since the case had a picture of an 8-ball on it, Kim removed it which now became a real one. A card was then freely selected from a deck. Then a box that had been in full view all the time was shaken and it was clear that there was something inside. When the lid was removed, a folded paper was found which the volunteer opened – it was the name of his card.

Finally, Tyler Cronin presented his own version of *Miser’s Dream* by producing six coins one-by-one in his hands, and then made them disappear in like fashion.

See you all at the auction – Sept. 7

### **October Meeting**

**MC** – Ken Wilson

**Snacks and beverage** – Chuck and Ben

**Media report** – Ken Cooper

**Easy teach-a-trick** – Joe Dobson

**Hard teach-a-trick** – Kim Meacham