

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Oct, 2017

The line-up for the annual Spooktacular is set: stage performers will be Todd Herbst, Ken Cooper, and Ian Munk, plus five others for walk-around.

What has not been determined yet is the entertainment magician for our annual Christmas party. Jerry Phillips moved (2nd Ken Cooper) that a subcommittee be set up to find someone for the party by next meeting. Motion passed; the committee selected will consist of Joe Dobson, T J Regul, and Eric Dany.

Magician Eric Stevens from LA has expressed interest in being a lecturer for our club. Due to lack of knowledge and interest, it was moved by Jerry Phillips (2nd Joe Dobson) to pass on extending an invitation to him. Motion carried.

Ken Wilson announced an opportunity for the club to perform at St. Giuseppe's Heavenly Pizza in Moline on Nov. 11 from 6-8pm. There are 15 available tables for close up work, or a short stage presentation. There is a call now for volunteers from the club; please give Ken a call if interested.

Media report: Ken Wilson reported on a DVD of Rene Lavand – Close-up Artistry #1 – and his phenomenal one-handed abilities with a deck of cards, doing magic that even other magicians find difficult to do using two hands.

Hard teach-a-trick: Joe Dobson taught the 22-Card Trick using the 'infinity crimp.'

Easy teach-a-trick: Kim Meacham taught the usual method of Triumph with a regular deck, and then the no-sleight version (Cheek-to-Cheek deck)

Performances: Brian Lees recited a poem from memory as a tribute to veterans.

Then something quite extraordinary happened, involving real human magic. It began with Richard Abel bringing forth a table and two chairs. The table was covered briefly with a tablecloth, and then removed, having magically produced two place settings for a romantic dinner complete with bread, wine, and wine glasses. Grace Abel and her boyfriend Liam came forward and took their seats. Liam began with a short address on the theme "United We Stand." Then it became personal, ending with a drop to the knee, a ring, and a proposal of marriage to Grace. Often in magic we talk about surprise endings that we didn't see coming. This was truly one of those, one of real human and lasting magic. Congratulations, Grace and Liam!

Ben Headlee presented his version of oil-and water.

Steve Delaney performed Gene Anderson's *Picto Transpo*. Steve used a white board and red chalk to draw a stick figure of a female volunteer and signed the back. She in turn used another white board and blue chalk to draw a picture of Steve and signed the back. Each put their board in a separate envelope,

and after some magic words, the envelopes were opened to reveal that the pictures had switched places.

Todd Herbst presented 10 cards – 5 pictures of male killers and 5 pictures of women who were their victims. After shuffling the cards and randomly pairing them, the backs of each were read, showing that each killer had been correctly matched with the corresponding victim by clairvoyance.

Chuck Hanson had a volunteer mix 10 black envelopes, each containing a large card. The volunteer also freely paired up the bags. The cards were then removed from the bags – each pair had identical spots of the same color, but different than the other pairs.

Craig Cox brought a square cylinder, a die box, and a clock. Craig presented a die box routine using the clock which eventually disappears from the box and reappears back in the cylinder.

After showing her hands empty, a volunteer closed her hand into a fist. TJ Regul drew a picture of a hand and placed a dot on the palm. When she opened her hand again, she found that her hand now had an identical dot on it.

Joe Dobson presented a card trick by So Sato. Two volunteers sat across from each other at a table and placed their hands under a towel. Half of a deck of cards was given to each of them under the towel, which they fanned, chose a card, reversed it, and placed it in the other person's fan and cut the fans. One of the fans was placed into a card case. Then using his X-ray vision, Joe was able to name each of the chosen cards.

Kim Meacham placed six borrowed paperback novels in a stack, and a die was rolled to select a book. The pages were then riffled and a volunteer called 'stop' and observed the first word on the page. When asked what picture the volunteer would draw of the word, he answered 'a woman.' On the table lay an envelope with the picture of a woman, and the word he had seen was the word 'she.'

Tyler Cronin presented his own nice version of a chop cup routine.

Ken Wilson turned over two cards of a spread deck and then asked a volunteer to insert a card about halfway between the two. When the deck was spread again, the deck was seen to be in new deck order including the inserted card.

Many great routines with surprising results, both magical and human.

Next Month:

Snacks and beverage: Richard and Grace Abel

MC: Ken Wilson, Ken Cooper

Media report: Joe Dobson, Michael Dyer

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