

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM each month
Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church Annex
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For November, we were a small but mighty group of ten members and two guests. The business was short since we had a lecture by Danny Archer last month. We are looking forward to seeing our first full-color ad for the Winter Carnival of Magic in the December issue of *The Linking Ring*.

The theme for the evening was “Party Magic” which our program chairman defined as routines that involve three or more volunteers. Our young UT student, Ben Young, set the bar rather high with a David Acer effect that involved seven volunteers and a prediction; cards were selected, people shuffled, and ultimately the one selected card matched the prediction. Jack Wilson and his wife recently traveled to Europe, and he talked about going to the Davenport Magic Shop while in London and also seeing the Museum of Magi in Paris. Made us all wish we could go, too.

Tom Vorjohan did his school presentation of the Burmese Bells (with everyone focused and concentrating on the bell swinging) and then he did a comedy prediction that included a photo of the recently reelected President Obama as a toddler. Mike Stratman did a unpredictable prediction with three numbers from spectators adding up not to his public prediction, but rather to the one neatly folded in a coffee cup in the garbage can! (Dare I say it: uncanny!) Our guest, Dawson Parker, then did a version of the Chicago Opener with his own twist on the color changing card.

Jeff King did some amazing cutting to any card called for and then followed with Vernon’s “Match Made in Cincinnati” where not only did he find the chosen card but also the three others in the deck of the same value. Bev Coffey drew a 110V outlet on a pad of paper and plugged in a cassette tape player...that played when it was plugged in! Finally, Wayne Bromberg did one of his routines with a change bag and four silks that included some silly business with some wands and ultimately combined to form one silk with a picture of Jesus. A great message to end the evening with!

Tom Vorjohan