

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 7:15 PM each month
Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church Annex
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We had a fantastic turnout to start 2013 – 20 members, three guests, and two other family member guests. We had to change the start time of our meetings to 7:15 PM, and maybe the extra fifteen minutes helped! The first order of business was to stuff and prepare 350 envelopes with the 2013 Winter Carnival of Magic flyer. Then we discussed some brief business, more information about the WCM, and then it was time for some magic.

Two guests performed for their initiation. Dawson Parker opened with a piece of magic with a message about Jesus rising from the tomb followed by an effect with a poker chip and a card revelation. Carroll Vinson did an Acrobatic Silk effect and a somewhat tentative piece of comedy with a big rat trap. The membership unanimously welcomed both as members.

For the rest of us, the theme was “Something New” to kick off the New Year. Tom Vorjohan set up a new banner he is using at the restaurants he performs at and then did a couple new effects he just purchased from Steven’s Magic. Once was a nut, bolt and chain, and the other was Professor’s Nightmare using ropes that look like wands. Ed Ripley had a new idea he was working on with an Airzooka and he also showed his latest handling of the Lottery Money.

Bill Osburn had just learned Daryl’s Coins Across and he did that with eight coins and a few squeezes. Kyle Copeland showed a couple things he learned about the Gilbreath Principle from a new book, “Magical Mathematics.” The effect where he shuffled and still had ten through ace straights in each pack was a new one for most of us. Jeff King showed the effect he just learned from the “Risen” DVD followed by the similar style effect “Haunted” by Paul Harris. Jeff explained he prefers books, and showed his newest from Ortiz. To end the performances, Ben Young did a newly learned effect from David Acer where a selected card is the only one not turned over in a reversed deck. Now just one more meeting before our 39th Winter Carnival of Magic in March!

Tom Vorjohan