

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month
Messiah Lutheran Church
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The election of officers was made official with the swearing-in conducted by our Treasurer, and Past International President of the I.B.M., Mike Stratman. Our new Ring president, John Hopper, conducted a quick meeting including the approval of a lecture on October 5, by Billy Debu. John also pitched a new “Member of the Year” award that will begin effective with our May meeting. Awards will include a plaque and paid registration to the following I.B.M. convention!

With eleven members, three guests and a couple family members, we got the magic going! The theme was to have “Magic with Water or Flowers” (because April showers give us May flowers), and Bill Sturgis started us off with a beautiful Dream Bag production of spring flowers. Mike Stratman seemed to have cleaned out the closet for this theme: he had a lapel flower, blooming bouquet, and a bag of flour from a Square Circle plus some seeds that went into a Dove Pan to produce spring flowers! As we moved into our Works in Progress section of the meeting, Jack Wilson did a Telekinetic Timber and Tom Vorjohan showed some “flash cash” with his new Electric Bills.

Michael Priestap took some flower and rain and changed them into flour and a rein! John Hopper concluded the themed performances with his version of a Dream Bag. We were delighted to have Samantha Rieger perform a card effect with some funny glasses and a nose to find the selected card! For a little Show & Tell, Michael Priestap showed a pill carrier that he converted to hold a deck of cards (and has a zipper for coins), then he showed some coins he got at auction, and Ed Ripley got up to show him a Three Fly type of routine that is possible with them. Ed went on to perform a paper rose with strips of colored tissue paper (that he learned from Simon Lovell)...and to help stall for Ed, Tom told his Simon story about the stolen TV at a church. Tom then finished the performances with a book test of the “Untold Sherlock” and then did his version of Barry Richardson’s Quartet. A great evening of magic!

Tom Vorjohan