

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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Well, we started the New Year with a lot of magicians at the meeting...twenty-five in fact. We had to stuff some envelopes and prepare our flyer to go out for the upcoming Winter Carnival, and then we did LOTS of magic. Chris Berney did a series of card effects for his initiation performance followed by John Gilliam (aka John “D”) who did the PK touch, Haunted Key and some enthralling spoon bending for his initiation performance. Both were unanimously voted into the Ring.

The theme for the evening was “Packet Magic” which could loosely be interpreted as a packet effect or something that fit into a packet. John Bloor shared a couple of books on packet tricks then did Liquify where water stained paper with a card revelation. Wayne Bromberg had great patter with a message for Ginn’s Hot Flip Flop. Scott Compton took out a folded envelope to produce a cell phone. Jim Dykes did a series of tricks including an envelope prediction of a card, a cut & restored five dollar bill in an envelope, and a ring vanish and reappearance on a chopstick.

Tom Vorjohan performed WOW by Masada with a signed card appearing in a plastic envelope. Jennifer Vorjohan did a mental math prediction with someone’s age. Charlie Fenn did Out of Order with orange and green packets. Justin Webb, another guest for the evening from Cookeville, did a series of Ambitious card moves followed by Danny Garcia’s Torn and restored card. He finished by changing the ring tone on someone’s cell phone! Chris Koopman did Color Monte with two jokers and a queen. Kyle Copeland did Eight Card Brainwave and even taught it to the group.

Ben Young did a spelling trick as he removed thirteen cards from a deck and spelled the name of each. Bill Osburn did the Psychic Rings and attracting pennies. Richard Giblson did Got a Light which was a shell game using cups and colored lights. Jack Wilson talked about John Mulholand and then did a toothpick and safety pin penetration. Akal Krau did a multi-phased Oil and Water effect with a packet of cards. Jon Finley did a Steve Beam effect where two cards were used and the remainder of the deck revealed the selections. And to conclude, Michael Priestap amazed the jaded group with another packet effect. Lots of magic and lots of fun!

Tom Vorjohan