

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month
Messiah Lutheran Church
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What a great May meeting! We had 100% performance participation for the 3rd consecutive month, plus we successfully changed our leaders with a nice installation ceremony conducted by Past International President, Mike Stratman. Our business was brief as we reviewed the remainder of the 2019 calendar and two upcoming lectures.

The theme for the night was “Money Magic” and our new Program Chairman, Tim Pressley kept things moving nicely for nearly two hours of performances, discussions and fun. Outgoing Ring President, John Hopper, did a great adaptation of Scotch and Soda with one of two coins penetrating through a deck of cards. Bill Osburn made a hundred-dollar bill silk appear. Michael Messing changed pieces of paper into one-dollar bills, and one changed to a jumbo hundred. Bill Sturgis presented a fun coin ladder routine, and Barry Mitchell did a preview of a Mismade Flag routine that he has had in the works for a while.

Steve Jerden did a unique Coins in Glass routine with invisible nickels, and his grandson Cayden Goodman followed with a vanishing and appearing coin. Mike Stratman showed off his “Diamond Pin,” then matched a 2 ½ cent prediction and showed a great Bill Spooner coin producing wand. Jason Murphy gave some great investment advice and performed the Hundy 500. Our new president, Michael Priestap, showed a year and a half old prediction that matched a selected card. Tim Pressley gave us a great story about how to catch an alligator and illustrated with a penny in a matchbox. Ed Ripley did his Famous Two Coin trick and taught the automatic reset using his man purse. Ed also did the Gen. Grant \$1 and \$5 switch.

Tom Vorjohan did his Bill in Lemon trick with Jason juggling and getting many involved. It was great to have Ray Adams with us and he did his in-the-hands version of coins across and taught his drop vanish for Miser’s Dream. As we moved into our Works-in-Progress, Michael Priestap did a trick with a dime and penny where the dime floated up on a little hand. For some Show-and-Tell, Bill Osburn showed a Houdini Box that he got from the School for Scoundrels, and Barry Mitchell showed us a twelve-door production box, and Jack Wilson showed some books on bill switches and origami with money. It was a great magic-filled meeting!

Tom Vorjohan