

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month

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We are just a few weeks away from the 47th Winter Carnival of Magic, and we moved the meeting up a week to ensure that we could discuss things and have time to finish preparing for this great convention. We had seven members present, and three more on Zoom along with two visiting magicians. After some brief business, we got ready for some magic.

Tom Raidy had visited last month, and he was ready to join the Ring. For his initiation performance he did a Gospel effect with a color-changing handkerchief, the classic What's Next, and concluded with a card effect he learned from a friend 50+ years ago. We unanimously welcomed Tom to the Ring!

Our theme for the evening was "Transformations" and Bill Osburn made a lot of money appear to start us off. Michael Priestap used "Transformer" musical accompaniment to one of his favorite card effects where the Jacks change their backs, fronts and markings. Ed Ripley did a couple effects including a mind reading card effect first put out by Rodger Lovins that allows one volunteer to be able to read another's thought of card.

Ray Adams did a coin sequence called Spellbound followed by a Rick Merrill pen and coin transformation. He finished by showing an old case that he indeed transformed into a piece of art. Tom Vorjohan was on Zoom and asked for help with ideas about making the Left-Handed Handkerchiefs entertaining; the group had lots of ideas. Michael Messing transformed paper into one-dollar bills and then made one of those grow. Jack Wilson showed two books by Pit Hartling that he just purchased.

We were also pleased to have Ray Adams discuss the work that goes into proper fire safety, and Ed Ripley shared a project he is working on for adding magic to some FaceBook advertising for a company. As always, a great meeting. Looking forward to the Winter Carnival March 10-12!

Tom Vorjohan