

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:45 PM each month

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Our April meeting is our “official” annual meeting, and we had eleven members attending. We started with a bit of business along with the election results of our new 2022-23 Officers and Board: Victor Agreda, President & Program Chairman; Michael Messing, Vice-President; Tom Vorjohan, Secretary; Jack Wilson, Treasurer; Bill Sturgis, Sgt-at-Arms; Board Members: Steve Jerden, Tim Pressley, Michael Priestap and Mike Stratman. Congratulations to our leaders...and on with the magic! Our theme tonight was “Metamorphosis.”

Our new President, Victor Agreda, kicked things off with a plethora of things; first, he had a 3-D printed figurine that when viewed from one side, it was a lady, but from the opposite view, it was a man – “brings new meaning to non-binary terms!” He brought and showed a couple of his Tenyo pieces: a Metamorphosis Card Case and “The Blur.” He also showed Tina Lenert’s book from the Vanishing Inc. series. Bill Osburn showed UGM’s Red & White silk effect where they blended together. Tim Pressley taught us a great color-changing sponge ball; he then solicited ideas on the best way to get a second ball into play – always a lot of ideas shared.

Bill Sturgis was ready with some invisible dice of different colors, but when the spectator chose one and rolled it, Bill showed that it was the only colored die in the bag and the other two were clear. Tom Raidy borrowed a dollar bill, and had three members enter numbers into a calculator only to find that the computation of these random numbers equaled the serial number on the borrowed bill. Past International President, Mike Stratman, showed the classic metamorphosis with a change bag and some spotted silks; he then used a Flat Himber Wallet he got at the Winter Carnival in March to correctly predict the sum of three random numbers.

Jack Wilson showed a work-in-progress as he performed “Baby Hummer Redux” by Jon Racherbaumer from the March 2022 *Genii Magazine*. Steve Jerden had mentioned this at one of our Zoom meetings back in November 2020, but he brought in the battery-powered LED light bulb that he got from Home Depot for \$9 that makes a great replacement for the Magic Bulb sold in magic shops. To finish out the evening, John Gyllenhaal presented a beautiful transposition of a pair of sevens with a pair of jacks as in Joh Allen’s Double Back effect – except in this version, John had fabricated a perfect set of magnetic cards that look exactly like a single card even with eleven layers of time-tedious work for the love of magic! A great meeting full of magic.

Tom Vorjohan with Jack Wilson